

## What can I do after I have finished my course?

GCSE History is a requirement to do History at College/A-Level. You will also learn skills that will help you in other subjects. Studying History can help you go into a range of careers, such as law, journalism, media and business.

## Are there any visits/fieldwork relating to this course?

There are optional extra trips to Poland and Germany. These trips will help you to understand the Germany topic, as you will visit Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp to learn about the Holocaust.

You will also have guest speakers from the police and the local prison.



# HISTORY



## WHAT DOES THE COURSE INVOLVE?

In GCSE History, you will learn about crimes and punishments in England and Wales over 500 years, leading right up to the present day, including witchcraft, terrorism and executions.

You will also study Germany from 1919 through the end of World War Two, looking at the rise of the Nazi Party, the persecution of the Jews and the Holocaust, and the opposition to the Nazi Party.

There will also be a topic on the role of women from 1900 onwards, from their role in the home to hobbies and leisure.

History controlled assessment is on the topic of World War Two, and you will be given different sources to use and interpret, and will make judgments on significance. The topics will be the Blitz and the evacuation of Dunkirk.

## Structure of exam/coursework

We follow the WJEC Route B Course.

### Year 10:

Controlled Assessment: The Blitz and World War II (two tasks worth 25%)

Crime and Punishment 1530-Present (one exam at the end of Year 11-worth 25%)

### Year 11

Changing Role and Status of Women in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century (one exam at the end of Year 11-worth 25%)

Weimar and Nazi Germany (one exam at the end of Year 11-worth 25%)

All exams last 1 hour and 15 minutes.

## FAQ

### **Will I have to do a lot of writing and essays?**

You will be expected to do two pieces of work for your coursework, as well as exam questions. You should be prepared to write, but the lessons will be full of demonstrations, discussions and practical activities as well! In lessons, you will have opportunities to make models, role plays and iPad activities.

### **Is it a hard GCSE subject?**

History is not an easy subject, so you should be prepared to work but you will have a lot of support and be taught by a History specialist (Mrs Adams). There will also be chances to have one-to-one help and guidance sessions as well as revision days. You will be given revision guides and the option to buy heavily subsidised text books to help you with your learning.

### **Where can I get more information about GCSE History?**

Email Mrs Adams ([gadams@iscacollege.devon.sch.uk](mailto:gadams@iscacollege.devon.sch.uk)) or ask for more information in class.

Alternatively, the specification is available on the WJEC website: <http://www.wjec.co.uk/index.php?subject=20>

