

## A student's guide to the GCSE in

# HISTORY C – SCHOOLS HISTORY PROJECT



### What is GCSE History all about?

History GCSE follows on naturally from the kind of work you have undertaken at Key Stage 3 (Year 9). Your course will involve an extensive study of either the history of medicine or crime, punishment and protest. You will also study in depth one of the following:

- the history of Britain in the mid nineteenth century
- the American West in the late nineteenth century
- Germany from the beginning of the First World War to the end of the Second World War.

Your coursework might include some local history or modern world history.

You will be asked to examine source material and develop your own knowledge of historical issues.

### Who might enjoy this course?

You will enjoy this course if you want to study a subject that involves learning about and discussing the kind of historical changes that have shaped today's world. You might find yourself learning about such topics as the abolition of capital punishment in the twentieth century or what medicine was like in the Middle Ages. If you like putting forward a well-developed point of view, then you will enjoy History.

### What about exams?

You will take two papers on different topics. One will focus on your knowledge of historical change. The other will ask you to respond to some historical source material.

## What about coursework?

Coursework is worth 25% of the marks and will be based on:

- a further enquiry in depth or
- a study of modern world history such as superpower rivalry or
- local history such as changes in a local industry or building .

You will complete two different coursework assignments, one of which will ask you to respond to some historical documents, the other will test your historical knowledge.

## What other skills might I develop?

As well as learning about History, the course will enable you to improve your skills in Communication, IT, Working with Others, Improving own Learning and Performance and Problem Solving. Studying History encourages you to produce well-reasoned arguments based on the evaluation of evidence.

## What could I do next with GCSE History?

There are many things you can do with a GCSE in History. You could choose to continue with the study of History by taking AS History in the sixth form or at college or you could use your knowledge of history to support other AS courses such as English Literature or Art. A GCSE in History shows that you have a high level of literacy and that you are able to analyse complex information. These skills are highly valued by colleges and employers.