

## Introduction to GCSE History (Modern World)

### Why study History?

History is about people – real people whose lives were sometimes exciting, like being a ‘flapper’ in the 1920s, and sometimes frightening, like sharing a muddy war-torn trench with rats, and feeling sick with fear waiting for the enemy to attack. Whatever their lives were about, there is a fascinating, and sometimes tragic, story behind them.

As well as being exciting, this course will help you develop skills which will be useful in a wide range of jobs or in the further study of History.

### You will study:

- \* International Relations, 1919–1989 (the core);
- \* How British society changed, 1906–1918;
- \* One Study in Depth taken from the following:
  - Germany 1919–1945;
  - Russia 1905–1941;
  - USA 1919–1941;
  - China 1945–c.1976.

### You will learn the following skills:

- \* How to interpret and evaluate pieces of information (sources);
- \* How to communicate and apply your knowledge;
- \* How to describe and analyse the key features of the period studied;
- \* Critical thinking and problem solving.

You will have the opportunity to study photographs, films, videos, CD ROMs, newspapers and original written sources.

### Assessment:

The examination papers cover the full range of grades from G to A\*. There are three aspects to your assessment.

### Coursework

You will write two assignments of about 1250 words each and there will be a choice of topics. Assignment 1 focuses on an individual, development, place or event. Assignment 2 focuses on an investigation of an historical issue based on sources.

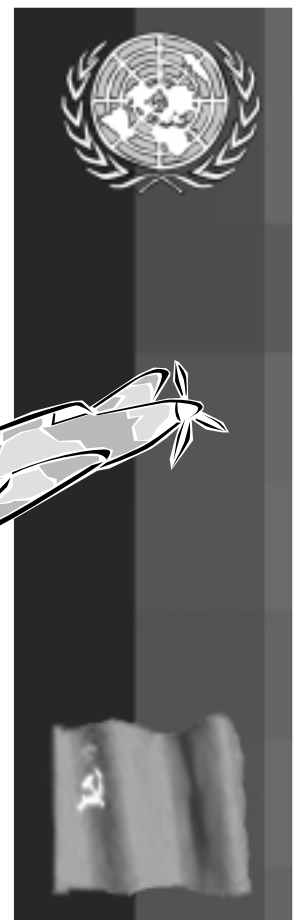
### Paper 1 (2 hours)

The paper is divided into three sections:

- Section A: You will answer one question from a choice of two on the core;
- Section B: You will answer one question from a choice of four on the core;
- Section C: You will answer one compulsory question, plus one question from a choice of two on the chosen Study in Depth.

### Paper 2 (1 hour 30 minutes)

This paper has 5–7 compulsory questions set on a range of sources and is a detailed investigation of an historical issue taken from Britain 1906–1918.



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