



WHAT WE AIM TO ACHIEVE

History is exciting and interesting and will inform you about the world you live in today. It will help you communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing. History will enable you to answer questions such as these:

- How did Hitler come to power?
- How did the Cold War shape Europe after 1945?
- What were the great medical breakthroughs in history?
- When did life expectancy increase?
- Why did so many soldiers die of minor wounds in World War One?
- Why was Elizabeth 1st such a successful Queen of England?

History is not just about dates and famous people. It is also about ordinary people and their lives. It is not just about change but continuity too. You will learn how to construct an argument and handle information. You will gain valuable general knowledge about the past and the present.

COURSE OUTLINE

The course has five key areas of study:

- An in depth study of Nazi Germany from 1919 - 1939.
- A development of the study of Medicine from 1250AD to the present day.
- A study of an historic environment – the British sector of the Western Front.
- An in depth study of Elizabethan England from 1558 – 1588.
- A Period study of the Cold War from 1941- 1991.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

The assessment will be by three examinations in the summer of Year 11. In total this will take three hours and twenty minutes.

WHAT SKILLS DO I NEED?

History is a challenging subject at GCSE requiring good reading and writing skills. You will need to ask and answer questions about the past and use evidence to explain your understanding. The skills developed in History GCSE will be extremely useful in any future education or career.