

# GCSE History



ALSOP HIGH SCHOOL

**AIM:** To develop interest, enjoyment and a range of techniques necessary for the study of History. To produce awareness of ideas like bias, empathy, similarity and difference, cause and consequence. Employers often find that people who have studied History are well prepared for the world of work. This is because History is about people, about investigating and about communicating. In this rapidly changing world, employers want people who are independent thinkers, open-minded, disciplined and good at problem solving. They often choose people who have studied some history.

## Where will it take you?

Many jobs look for people with research/evidence skills for example lawyers, journalists, museum worker, author, script writers. History also develops your extended writing skills which really supports you in your English GCSE. Studying History at GCSE will also help you to progress onto the following courses at college:

- **A Level History**
- **A Level Politics**
- **A Level Sociology**
- **A Level Philosophy**

Studying History can lead on to some exciting career options, including Journalism, Law, Business, Politics, Archaeology, Marketing, Teaching, Civil Service, Management, Armed Forces.

## What will you learn?

The course consists of separate units;

- **30% Thematic study - Medicine through time and surgery in World War one.**
- **20% British depth study - Anglo Saxon and Norman England.**
- **20% Period study - Cold War 1941-91.**
- **30% Modern study - Germany 1918-39**

## **How will you learn?**

Each of the units will require you to use different skills. You will need to use a variety of resources such as documents, textbooks, newspapers, film, statistics and out of school activities. Most of the work you do will be carried out individually and in groups. You will need to be able to come to conclusions, but do not always expect the “right answer” all the time.

## **What skills will you need to complete the course?**

There is a strong emphasis on written communication and the ability to form supported judgements based on a wide range of evidence. Lessons are demanding in terms of pupils’ literacy skills due to the wide range of content. Pupils must be prepared to answer long essay questions which will show their opinion and analytical skills.

## **What homework can you expect?**

You should expect weekly homework based on revision and past learning. This will help you retain knowledge and content throughout your GCSE study.

**For further information please see Miss Clouston.**