

## History KS3 and KS4

### What are the aims of the course?

- To cultivate a broad understanding of the past from Medieval to Modern times from a British, European and wider world perspective.
- To extend analysis and evaluation skills using a variety of source material and interpretations.
- To develop effective communication skills so that students can successfully construct arguments and fully justify them.

### What is the content of the course?

Students will study three eras of History over three time periods:

- **Short** - a study of a shorter period of time in depth e.g. **Whitechapel, 1870 – 1900**.
- **Medium** - a study of a period of History e.g. **Superpower Relations, 1941-1992**.
- **Long** - a thematic study over a longer period of time e.g. **Crime and Punishment 1000AD – present day**.

**Year 9:** Foundation unit covering key events in British and wider world History from c1000-2000 including topics ranging from Genghis Khan, The Russian Revolution and the Holocaust.

In Year 9 students also learn of Crime and Punishment c.1000-present day exploring attitudes towards crime in each period, the development of law enforcement and the evolution and attitudes towards punishments in Britain. This unit also includes a study of the historic environment and policing of Whitechapel, East London during the case of the Whitechapel Murders committed by Jack the Ripper.

**Year 10:** In Year 10 students study the first 30 years of Elizabeth I's reign, exploring the challenges she faced as Queen both at home and abroad 1558-1588. Students will also begin to study the history of Germany from 1918-1939 in year 10, exploring the creation of the Weimar Republic and the development of the Nazi Party.

**Year 11:** In Year 11 students will complete their German history unit by investigating life in Hitler's Germany for those living under the Nazi regime. The final unit studied in year 11 focuses on Superpower Relations and the Cold War 1945-1991 exploring the causes of the Cold War, key events and the end of the Cold War in the 1980s.

### What will be assessed during the course?

This is an un-tiered linear course and is assessed by 100% exam at the end of Year 11. Approximately 5% of the marks in the exam will be allocated to spelling, punctuation and grammar.

