

HISTORY

at SCGSG

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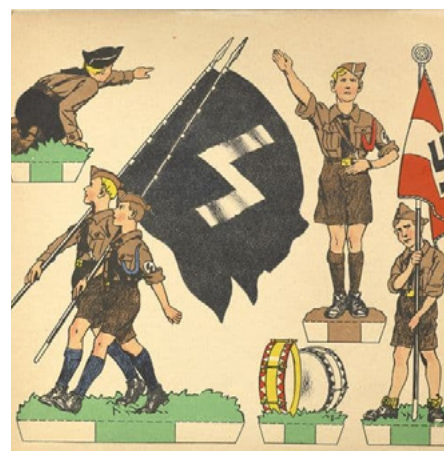
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An introduction to GCSE History

The History Department is delighted to be able to offer Year 9 a fantastic course which aims to provide students with a love for the subject and skills which will serve them in future education and the workplace.

This course allows you to really think about the people and events that have shaped the world around you. You will begin to understand how decisions taken as long as five hundred years ago or during the last century are still having a lasting impact today!

GCSE History is made up of two examinations:



Paper 1 - 2 hours (50%)

Understanding the Modern World: Germany 1890-1945 and the Inter War years 1918-1939

This is a wonderful opportunity to study the twentieth century in depth and find out why the world is the way it is today.

Issues you will consider include:

- Why the First World War failed to bring lasting peace.
- Why the 1930s saw the rise of so many aggressive dictators.
- Why Hitler and the Nazis were able to take total control of Germany.
- What it was like to live under Hitler's regime.

Paper 2 - 2 hours (50%)

Shaping the Nation: Power and the People 1170-the present day (Overview) and Elizabethan England 1568-1603

This is a chance to study a longer period of history identifying how the power of the monarchy has changed and how Britain's constitution and parliament developed.

Issues you will consider include:

- Just how powerful monarchs really were.
- When and how parliament became so important.
- How women won the vote in 1918.
- What kind of monarch Elizabeth I was.
- Why Elizabeth never married.



GCSE and Beyond...

After studying at GCSE, many of our students choose to continue at our Sixth Form to take the A-Level History course we offer. It is also very well suited for studying A-Level Politics, also available here at Sutton Girls.

Progression to university to read History or Law are popular pathways. Other students use the skills they have developed to access a wider range of courses and apprenticeships. These have included Classics, Political Science, English, Geography, Nursing, Medicine, Archaeology, Teaching and Economics.

History is a well-respected subject, both universities and employers recognise the skills it develops. What's more it doesn't close the door to any career. Our past students have gone on to successful careers in all sorts of areas including law, journalism, teaching, the media, politics, medicine, heritage management and public relations.