

# IGCSE HISTORY - 0470

*'To remain ignorant of things that happened before you were born, is to remain a child' –Cicero*

## Why should I choose IGCSE History?

The History IGCSE syllabus looks at some of the major international issues of the twentieth century, as well as covering the history of regions in more depth. The emphasis is on knowledge and on the skills required for historical research. Students learn about the nature of cause and effect, continuity and change, similarity and difference, and find out how to use and understand historical evidence as part of their studies. The course will stimulate any learner already interested in the past, providing a basis for further study, and encourage a lifelong interest in the subject.

## Course content

**Core Content:** You will learn about the key events from the 20th Century; The Peace Treaties of 1919-1923, The League of Nations, The Collapse of International Peace, The Causes of the Cold War, How America Contained the spread of Communism, How the USSR secured control over Eastern Europe, and the Gulf Wars,

**Depth Study:** You will learn about Russia 1905-1940; The Collapse of the Tsarist Regime, How the Bolsheviks gained power and consolidated their rule, How Stalin gained and held on to power, and the impact of Stalin's economic policies.

## How will I learn?

Throughout the course we will be doing regular knowledge recall tests at the start of lessons. At the end of each topic, we will complete past exam questions from all three papers in timed conditions during lessons, and for homework. Other learning methods include role play, independent research, group work, extended writing, watching educational videos, peer and self-assessment.

## How will I be assessed?

The course is exam based. There are 3 exam papers all taken at the end of year 11 in June- each focus on different skills. The breakdown is as follows:

**Paper 1:** Core topics (see above) and Depth Study (Russia 1905-1941) 2-hour exam (40% of final mark)

**Paper 2:** Prescribed Core topic- Source based exam - 2-hour exam (33% of final mark)

**Paper 4:** Alternative to coursework- Depth Study (Russia 1905-1941) - 1-hour exam (27% of final mark)