

# MODERN HISTORY

Studying History at St. John Rigby College offers a range of exciting opportunities. Some of these opportunities include trips alongside local visits to places such as the Cold War Centre, Jodrell Bank and the Slavery Museum in Liverpool. We also offer a range of extracurricular activities, including student essay competitions through universities and an active Debate Club which regularly competes at the Model United Nations, European Youth Parliament and Debating Matters events. Furthermore, we actively work with local universities such as the University of Manchester and provide a supportive programme for applicants to Oxford and Cambridge, Russell Group and broader university applications.

## Specific course entry requirements

College entry (please refer to the Entry Requirements section on the college website for further details).

## How will I be assessed?

- 80% Examination
- 20% Coursework
- Unit 1J: British Empire 1857-1967
- Unit 2R: Cold War 1945-1991
- NEA: Witchcraft 1563-1648

## What will I study?

Studying History gives you the opportunity to gain an understanding of how the modern world came to be. Through your studies of the British Empire you will examine how Britain shaped other nations through war, economic and cultural actions. This will include an analysis of India, Africa and the Middle East and the impact of the First and Second World Wars on British rule. This topic will also allow you to see how our own society came to be altered, studying attitudes on race and nationalism, leaving a legacy of how we perceive the world and how we expect other nations to treat us.

Your studies of the Cold War (1945-1991) will examine the history of superpower conflict between the USA and the Soviet Union which created new nations and a legacy which affects the world to this day. You will study the actions of political figures such as President Kennedy and Soviet leader Stalin in shaping their nations' foreign policy. You will also learn about conflict in places such as Korea, Vietnam and Afghanistan, which continue to have an impact today. We will also focus on espionage, the arms and space race and crises that very nearly ended the world, such as that in Cuba in 1962.

Our coursework unit focuses on witch hunting across Britain and the German states, where you will independently study the roots of witch hunting between 1563-1648.

## Where will this course lead me?

History provides a range of analytical skills that are highly sought after by universities and employers. Skills in examining sources and using evidence to reach judgements can be applied to a number of careers, including law, accountancy, business management, teaching, and banking.