



What use is history to me? It's all about the past - how will it help me get a job?

History is both **interesting** and **useful**!

- As a history student, you will never experience the events that you study; instead you have to build up a picture from the **evidence** that has been left.
- You have to become **skilled at asking questions**; you have learned not to take everything at face value.
- You have to **develop empathy** and understanding of the actions and achievements of others
- You have to be prepared to **put your case and argue it well**; you have to use evidence to draw conclusions and **make judgements**.
- History is excellent training for **any career** where you have to use evidence or make decisions, especially where those **decisions affect other people**.



There are so many careers that require the skills that a study of history can bring; law, medicine, business, finance, accountancy, tourism, town planning, politics, journalism and research to name but a few!



- Historians are trained to look for **bias and prejudice** in all the evidence they study. They know that human beings often have strong views on many subjects, which may affect the statements they make.
- There is no other subject that deals so well with sorting out what is **useful and reliable evidence** and what must be sifted out than history.
- Imagine believing everything you read in the papers, or believing every statement that politicians make! **History helps you to make decisions about other people and to decide if you trust what they say.**

History prepares you for life beyond school and gives you the tools to thrive in an ever changing world.



'To understand the world as it is by exploring the world as it was...'