What is Twentieth Century History all about?

Twentieth Century History is about developing critical thinking, awareness and fostering an understanding of individual and group behaviour in an historical setting. At the same time, the study of the past helps our understanding of the modern world.

Unit 1 looks at the events, ideas and movements that emerge from World War One. It covers the changes in social, political and cultural circumstances and the underlying causes of the outbreak of World War Two.

Unit 2 examines the development of the modern world during the Cold War standoff between the USSR and the USA covering the conflicts such as the Korean War, the Vietnam War and the division of Germany and Berlin. There is a focus on the civil rights campaigns in the USA and the Irish Troubles.

Areas of Study:

**Unit 1:**
- Ideology and conflict
- Social and cultural change

**Unit 2:**
- Completing Ideologies
- Challenge and change

Type of Assessments in this subject:

- Analysis of historical interpretations
- Examination
- Historical inquiry
- Analysis of primary sources

Key Skills developed through this area are:

- Analysis
- Research
- Critical thinking

Possible Occupations that could relate to this study include:

- Historian
- Politician
- Lawyer
- Criminologist
- Film & TV Producer
- Journalist
- Writer
- Teacher
- Hansard Reporter
- Museum Curator
- Anthropologist