GCHQ

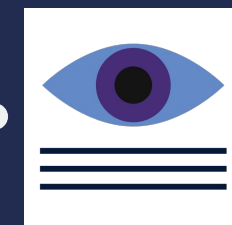## Language, History, Maths and Computer Science

What is GCHQ?

- GCHQ is the UK's intelligence, security and cyber agency. It was set up in 1919

- Its mission is to help keep the country safe

- During World War II it helped to decipher enemy codes which helped Britain and its allies win the war

- Today it still deals with codes, but is also important in keeping the country's computer systems secure

GCHQ stands for **Government Communications Headquarters**

It employs over 6000 people and is based at Cheltenham in a building known as the Doughnut

Why is GCHQ Important?

GCHQ's Five Mission Areas:

Counter Terrorism	Cyber Security	Strategic advantage	Serious and organised crime	Support to defence
Stopping terrorist attacks in the UK and against our interests overseas	Making the UK the safest place to live and do business online	Managing threats from overseas and promoting UK prosperity around the world	Reducing the social and financial harm that serious and organized crime causes to the UK	Protecting the UK Armed Forces and their assets

What is GCHQ?

Each year GCHQ set a puzzle for school children

They say that its best attempted by working in a team. Different people will bring different skills to help solve the puzzles – which is exactly how they work at GCHQ