

# Knowledge Organiser



## The History of Runcorn



### Key Concepts:

Chronology

Legacy

Trade

Monarchy

### Sticky Knowledge

- From the late 1800s, Runcorn had grown into an important, industrialised town.
- The building of the Manchester Ship Canal is significant to the development of Runcorn.
- Runcorn's population increased significantly from 1961.
- The New Town was developed from 1964-1979.
- The 'New Town' housing development had a significant impact on the development of Runcorn.
- In 1971, the busway was opened.
- In 1972, the Shopping City was opened.
- The building of the Jubilee Bridge and that of the Mersey Gateway Bridge had a significant impact on the development of Runcorn.

### Vocabulary

- **Descendants** – these are people in your family who come after you, like your children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.
- **Industry** – refers to all the businesses and factories that make things or provide services.
- **Infrastructure** – these are the important things a town or city needs to work properly – like roads, bridges, schools and water pipes.
- **Civil Engineer** – a person who designs and builds things like roads, bridges, tunnels and buildings to help people live and travel safely.
- **Arch Bridge** – a bridge with a curved shape that is strong and can hold a lot of weight.
- **Significance** – this refers to how important something is or why it matters.
- **Estate** – a large piece of land with a big house on it, or all the money and property someone owns.
- **Aristocracy** – a group of rich and powerful families, often with titles like 'Duke' or 'Lady' who owned a lot of land in the past.
- **Medieval** – something from about 500-1500 years ago, when there were castles.
- **Inherited** – something you get from someone when they die.