

## **History**

History is a fascinating and relevant subject. We aim to encourage a keen interest in the events of our past coupled with an understanding of how these events have helped to shape the present day.

The pupils have one hour of History per week in Upper 3 (Year 7) to Upper 4 (Year 8) and can then choose to take History as an option at GCSE. Lessons are varied and may involve class discussion, studying and analysing information sources, watching video clips and describing events of the past. Pupils are taught in whole class, mixed ability groups and make use of text books that link closely to our scheme of work.

**Below are some examples of the topics we cover:**

### **Upper 3 (Year 7)**

The development of the Church, state and society in Medieval Britain 1066-1509

The struggle between Church and crown

Christendom and importance of religion and the Crusades

### **Lower 4 (Year 8)**

Henry VII and Elizabeth

The causes and events of the civil war in Britain

The first colony in America

How Britain changed (industrial revolution) 1745 -1901

### **Upper 4 (Year 9)**

The First World War

The Second World War

Social, cultural and technological changes since 1945

At GCSE, the pupils have three hours of History per week following the AQA exam board syllabus. The areas of study are;

- Elizabethan England c1568-1603
- Russia: Tsardom and Communism
- Conflict and Tension: The inter war year, 1918-1939
- Health and the people c1000 to the present day

Pupils have performed well at GCSE with many opting to continue their studies at Advanced Level.

Homework is set weekly for History. The tasks may vary from week to week. On some occasions, pupils may be asked to answer questions based upon the work studied in class, or they may be given an extended task of completing some research which may culminate in producing a project.

In recent years, pupils have enjoyed visits to Duxford Imperial War Museum and to the Old Operating Theatre in London.