

History

The History curriculum is designed to encourage a keen interest in the events of the past so that pupils can see how they have shaped the present day.

The pupils have one hour of History per week in Upper 3 (Year 7) to Upper 4 (Year 9) and can then choose to take History as an option at GCSE. Lessons are varied and may involve class discussion, studying and analysing video clips and analysing and evaluating events of the past. Pupils are taught in whole class, mixed ability groups and make use of textbooks and materials that link closely to our programme of study.

Below are some examples of topics we cover:

Upper 3 (Year 7)

The Norman Conquest and William's consolidation of his power after 1066.

The struggle between Church and crown

Medieval Life

Atlantic Slave Trade and Slavery

Lower 4 (Year 8)

Henry VIII and the Break with Rome

The Religious Rollercoaster: Edward VI, Mary I and Elizabeth I

The causes and events of the English Civil War

How Britain industrialised: 1745-1901

Empire: The development of the British Empire and its impact on the world

Upper 4 (Year 9)

Suffrage: The battle for the right to vote

The causes and events of the First World War

The inter-war years and rise of dictatorships in Europe

The causes and events of the Second World War

Moral Questions in History (inc: Holocaust)

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

Germany: Democracy and Dictatorship 1890-1945

Conflict and Tension: The inter-war years 1918-39

Health and the People: C1000 to the Present Day

Elizabethan England c1568-1603.

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

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

History trips are part of our curriculum with current planned trips including visits to the Old Operating Theatre in London, the Golden Hinde to study Drake and navigation and the Ypres Battlefields as part of our study of World War One.