

Welcome to History.

Vision:

“The more you know about the past, the better prepared you are for the future”

– Theodore Roosevelt

Our shared vision in the History department is that we believe all of our young people should understand how key events and remarkable people have shaped the world that we live in today. We deliver a diverse curriculum based around challenging big questions that allow our students to develop a deeper understanding of the past. We believe it is crucial for our students to learn about the diverse history of different races, genders, religions and cultures in order to understand how the past has influenced our world today.

Each KS3 unit has been created to link to the AQA GCSE course taught in Years 10-11, with both British and World History being covered. As we move towards a knowledge-engaged curriculum, homework will be regular self-quizzing using knowledge organisers, to ensure that we are encouraging the long-term retention of knowledge; KS4 pupils will also receive regular GCSE exam questions. The GCSE course is designed to equip students for Advanced Level study but more importantly, to allow students to look at fascinating topics in greater depth.

KS3 Summary/Topics

Year 7

- Norman Conquest: *What impact did the Norman Conquest have on England?*
- Medieval England: *Who held power in Medieval England?*
- Tudor England: *How much did England under the Tudors?*
- Stuart Britain: *Why was ‘the world turned upside down’ in the 17th Century?*
- The Transatlantic Slave Trade: *To what extent were economic factors the driving force behind the Transatlantic slave trade?*
- The Age of Revolution: *Why was the Industrial period an ‘age of revolution’?*

Year 8

- Industrial Revolution: *How did the Industrial Revolution transform life in Britain?*
- The British Empire: *Should we be ashamed of the British Empire?*
- 20th Century Britain: *Has war had the biggest impact on British society in the 20th Century?*
- War and Conflict in the 20th Century: *How far did war and conflict change in the 20th Century?*
- The Vietnam War: *How effective was the use of technology in the Vietnam War?*

Year 9

- 20th Century America:
To what extent has American society changed in the 20th Century?
- Freedom Fighters: *Who has had the biggest impact on the rights of their people?*
- The Holocaust: *How far was the Holocaust inevitable after 1933?*
- The Growth of Terrorism: *How far has terrorism changed over time?*
- Medieval / Renaissance Health: *How far did medicine stand still during the Medieval era? How much did medicine develop during the Renaissance era?*

KS4 Summary/Topics/Exam information

KS4 GCSE is currently taught through the AQA specification (1-9). This is taught as a linear course, with all exams at the end of 2 years in Year 11. There is no coursework and the exam accounts for 100% of the final grade.

Year 10

- **Thematic Study:** Britain: Health and the people 1000 to the present day
- **British Depth Study:** Elizabethan England, 1568-1603

Year 11

- **Wider World Depth Study:** Conflict and Tension: The Inter-War years 1918-1939
- **Period Study:** Germany 1890-1945

KS5 Summary/Topics/Exam information

Year 12

Component 1: Breadth study: Tsarist and Communist Russia, 1855–1964

Topic 1 - Trying to preserve autocracy, 1855–1894

Topic 2 – The collapse of autocracy, 1894–1917

Component 2: Depth study: The Making of Modern Britain, 1951–2007

Topic 1 - The Affluent Society, 1951–1964

Topic 2 – The Sixties, 1964–1970

Topic 3 -The end of Post-War Consensus, 1970–1979

Year 13

Component 1: Breadth study: Tsarist and Communist Russia, 1855–1964

Topic 1 - The emergence of Communist dictatorship, 1917–1941

Topic 2 – The Stalinist dictatorship and reaction, 1941–1964

Component 2: Depth study: The Making of Modern Britain, 1951–2007

Topic 1- The impact of Thatcherism, 1979–1987

Topic 2 – Towards a new Consensus, 1987–1997

Topic 3 - The Era of New Labour, 1997–2007

Coursework: Independent Investigation (20% and 40 marks)

- Written personal study of 3500-4500 words

Extra-curricular opportunities

Revision and interventions sessions after school for GCSE.

Useful websites

<https://www.senecalearning.com/blog/gcse-history-revision-guide/>

<https://studywise.co.uk/gcse-revision/history//> - GCSE History Revision

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/subjects/zj26n39>

<https://schoolhistory.co.uk/gcse/>

<http://www.orlandofiges.info/teachersresource.php>