



H I S T O R Y D E P A R T M E N T

Vision

A department that provides a curriculum that delivers opportunities for all students to broaden their horizons and acquire a greater understanding of the country and world in which we live through the taught curriculum and a wide range of added experiences and opportunities that enable pupils to develop such a knowledge of the past that they understand the present and can shape the future.

Intent

For pupils to be active participants in a broad curriculum and acquire a greater understanding of the country and world in which they live, so that they can use their knowledge of the past and understanding of the present to shape the future. To improve social mobility and allow students from all backgrounds to access a curriculum that enables them to be independent, confident and knowledgeable participants in society so that they have the skills to compete locally, nationally and globally.

Our Team

The team consists of 10 full-time staff who all teach across the age and ability range. This means that everyone teaches at least one subject at advanced level because the department offers Sociology and Politics at A Level in addition to History. We have developed a collegiate approach to the production of schemes of work and resources; this means that all courses are well organised and adequately resourced. Whilst these are not set in stone and fresh input is always welcome, any new colleagues would benefit from having these resources in place to enable them to concentrate on their teaching and learning. We have support for daily administration and the organisation of trips.

OUR CURRICULUM

KS3

Students in Years 7 and 8 are taught in mixed ability tutor groups but are set in Year 9. They have 2 hours of History teaching in Year 7, 8 and 9. Students study the following areas:

Year 7 – Rulers and Ruled: Britain 1066 to the Modern Day and medicine through time.

Year 8 – Industrial Revolution, Empire and Equality, The British Empire, Slavery and Civil Rights, Terrorism, World War One and International Relations

Year 9 – World War Two, Holocaust and Genocide, Origins of the Cold War, Cold War Europe and Wider World and Germany depth study.

KS4

History is a popular choice at GCSE. We follow the AQA syllabus and study the following units:

Germany, 1890–1945: Democracy and dictatorship

Conflict and tension in Asia, 1950–1975

Britain: Power and the people: c1170 to the present day

Elizabethan England, c1568–1603

KS5

The History course is German and British based at both AS and A2 and follows the AQA syllabus. The full A-level courses are:

Germany: The Quest for Political Stability, 1871-1991

Britain: Wars and Welfare, 1906-1957

