



History Curriculum Intent Statement

All students have the opportunity to study a broad and balanced curriculum that exposes them to a wide and varied syllabus. Our aim is to develop student's knowledge of the past to help them develop; as an independent, free-thinking individual with an understanding of the world they live in and prepare them to make a valuable contribution to society and be successful in the fullest sense in the world of work and life beyond school. We also recognise that our curriculum develops skills, as well as knowledge. We look to develop student's skills when evaluating historical evidence, looking for significance and how events are linked together. We not only recognise their importance in assessment but in the workplace and looking for truth in the modern world.

In year 7, students will study the late medieval and early modern period (1066-1649). They will study key events in British history such as the Norman Conquest, the English Civil war, and the reformation. They will also study events from the wider world such as the Crusades and the Mughal empire. Students also have the opportunity to study a thematic study of water and sanitation through time.

In year 8, students will study from the industrial revolution to the modern day. They will study key events from British history such as working conditions in industrial towns, migration to Britain and the fight for equal rights. Students will also study international events such as the two world wars and the Holocaust.

In KS4 students continue to build on the knowledge and skills that they have been developing at KS3. We follow the Edexcel specification. Students will grow their knowledge of the following topics and periods:

- Medicine through time c1250 – present day. (Historic environment study: Medicine on the Western Front)
- Early Elizabethan England, 1558 – 1588
- Superpower relations, c1945 – 1991
- Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918 – 1939

Students who have not chosen GCSE History have the opportunity to learn and experience history at time like Black History month, Careers week and the visit to Holocaust Memorial Centre in Year 9. The department has run overseas visits to Berlin, Krakow and north France and Belgium. All of these visits are open to all students, regardless of whether they have picked GCSE History.