

HISTORY

All students study History in Years 7 - 9. In Years 10 - 11 History becomes an optional GCSE subject.

Key Stage 3

During Years 7-9 students follow the programmes of study as set down by the National Curriculum. These include:

Year 7 - Britain 1066 - 1500, Britain 1500 - 1750 (Part 1 - The Tudors)

Year 8- Britain 1500 - 1750 (Part 2 - The Stuarts), The French Revolution, Britain 1750 - 1900, A Local Study of Brighton

Year 9 - World War One, World War Two, The Holocaust

Key Stage 4

The GCSE course that students follow is the OCR 'Modern World History' Syllabus B. This includes study of the following topics:

International Relations 1919 - 1939

Britain after World War 2 (An evidence based study)

United States of America - The Civil Rights Movement (GCSE Coursework topic)

Germany 1919 - 1945

Subject Organisation - Key Stage 3

In Year 7 - 9 students have three lessons of History every two weeks. Through the programmes of study students will be taught a range of skills. These include:

- Chronological Understanding
- Knowledge of events, people and changes in the past
- Historical Interpretation
- Historical Enquiry
- Organisation and Communication of ideas

Subject Organisation - Key Stage 4

At GCSE level, students have five lessons of History every two weeks. The first three topics above are studied in Year 10. 25% of the final GCSE grade is based on the coursework component, which is also completed in Year 10. The final topic is taught in Year 11. There are two exams. Paper 1 accounts for 45% of the final grade. Paper 2 (the evidence based paper) accounts for 30%.

Beyond The Classroom

We are passionate in our belief that History is a living subject, the study of which extends beyond the classroom. We arrange a number of historical visits open to students: Bodiam Castle, Battle Abbey, the Battlefields of Belgium, the Imperial War Museum and the Holocaust Exhibition.

Parental Support

At Key Stage 3 we encourage parents to join us as helpers on our historical visits. We hope that parents will take their own children on additional visits to historical sites in order to foster their enthusiasm for the subject. We also hope that you will take an interest in the work your child is completing and will aid and encourage them in homework tasks that have been set.

At Key Stage 4 students are encouraged to buy revision guides which we hope will also assist parents in helping their children to gain the best possible grades.