

HISTORY

Department Aims

One aim of the History department is to encourage students to enjoy history, whether they are analysing evidence or evaluating the causes of historical events. Another aim is to ensure students use historical language to express their ideas, communicate effectively and develop their literacy skills. We aim to make history accessible to all students but also challenge students who are interested in taking history to a higher level. Teachers employ a variety of teaching styles to ensure that students are motivated to learn.

Department Ethos

'The past is a foreign country they do things differently there' L P Hartley

Department Staff

Ms K J O'Mahoney (Head of History and Sociology)
Ms D. Attenborough
Mr A Kasprzak

Key Stage 3 Information

In Year 7 and 8 we cover a chronological scheme of work which covers Medieval to 20th century British and World history. At Key Stage 3 students are taught skills and knowledge that will help to ease the transition to the GCSE course in Year 9. Various skills are assessed through essay writing and source analysis.

Key Stage 4 Information

In Year 9, 10 and 11 students study and then Superpower relations and the Cold War 1941-91, Weimar and Nazis Germany 1918-39, Anglo-Saxon and Norman England 1060-1088 and Crime and Punishment through Time 1000-present. Students begin preparing for their GCSEs in Year 9 where they study America and Russia before World War One.

Key Stage 5 Information

Students study Revolutions in early modern and modern Europe which includes Britain, 1625-1701: conflict, revolution and settlement followed by Russia in Revolution, 1894-1924. In Year 13 they study Mass media and Social change in Britain, 1882-2004. Their course work unit is on the Tudor State where they examine the views of leading historians and ongoing historical debates.

Out of school activities

We have run trips to the First World War Battle fields, Mountfitchet Castle, the Imperial War Museum and the Museum of London as well as trips around Croydon to highlight local historical studies. We have also attended A level conferences in London.

Any other information

Pupil's knowledge and skills are assessed every half term and in the end of year summer exam. We particularly focus on the National Curriculum concepts to ensure pupil make progress to the next stage.