

Year 7 - 11

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We Value:

In History, we value every opportunity for our students to gain an understanding and respect for not only different historical time periods but also of where they themselves have come from and the rich and important events that have occurred in the past that have helped shaped life today as we know it.

We offer these Opportunities:

In History you will have opportunities not only to learn about the past throughout our enormous range of historical topics within the classroom, but also have the opportunity to go out of school on trips to help deepen what you are learning in the classroom such as our Jack the Ripper Tours and WW1 Belgium tour to name a few. On these trips you will be able to glimpse first-hand what we are studying, and how and why the events unfolded the way they did.

Some trips that have taken place previously: Year 7 went to Battle to see the site of the Battle of Hastings, Year 8 to Hampton Court Palace to deepen their understanding about what it was like to be a Tudor King. Year 9 travelled to Belgium to marvel at the WW1 Trenches and where the battles were fought. Year 10 went to Central London for a Jack the Ripper Walking Tour around the East End. Year 11 and 10 also went on a trip to Berlin. All of our trips were a great success with students enjoying their time and also learning and deepening their knowledge of the time periods they are studying.

In **Year 7** students learn all about the Middle Ages focusing on Britain, they learn about the Norman invasion of 1066 and the lengths that William went to in order to keep control. Students will then look at society as a whole in the middle ages and study how the middle ages developed over time. We end the year by looking at the Tudors and how their reign impacted upon Britain.

In **Year 8** we begin with our focus by looking at the English Civil War to Restoration before moving through time to the industrial period and the development of Industrialisation and the British Empire. Finally students look at the impact World War I had on Britain and the world.

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In **Year 9** our students focus on the inter-war years of the 1900s with their key focus after this being World War II. They also study USA Civil Rights and finally they have a depth study on Norman England.

In **Year 10** students begin their GCSE years by learning about Crime and Punishment through time from the Norman invasion to today, with a case study on the Jack the Ripper murders. Students will also look at the Cold War and how this changed the landscape of Europe after World War II.

In **Year 11** students learn about Germany from Weimar Germany to the Nazi's. They will also focus on the knowledge needed and writing styles needed to help them throughout the GCSE exams.

Our Successes:

Last year's cohort did very well, GCSE individual Results:

- Many students achieved grades 8 and 9 which are the highest possible grades
- Significant increase in grades 5+
- History is a very popular choice within the students within the school.