



History



Overview of Area

The History department is part of a very friendly, experienced and committed Humanities' faculty. The department has the potential to become one of the leading departments in the school; History is a popular choice at GCSE and A Level. Subjects within the Faculty also include: Geography, RS, Law, Politics, Sociology and Psychology.

Staffing

Mr Antony Mayers - Director of Humanities Faculty
Mr James Hoyle – Leader of History
Mr Graeme Rockett
Miss Amelia Heard
Mrs Laura Loveland (Vacancy)
Dr Chiara Coppola
There are 11 other staff also teaching in the Humanities Faculty



Facilities

The History department is situated within the Humanities area of the school. There are three dedicated History classrooms, with other classrooms shared within the faculty. We have two resource rooms with a wealth of History material.

The Humanities' team room is where weekly briefings take place with the rest of the faculty, and where many of the faculty's teachers choose to socialise at lunchtimes. There is also a spacious staffroom.

We also have the Atrium, which is a coffee bar style area with an outdoor courtyard, which is exclusively for staff and sixth form students.

Enrichment, support and extra-curricular activities

Over the years we have run many extra-curricular visits to enrich student engagement in History.

These include trips to museums and attractions both in London and locally. There have been History trips to Belgium and the Houses of Parliament. There have been Native American speakers and students have visited places including Auschwitz, Hadrian's Wall, Bath and Berlin.

The pandemic has stopped trips temporarily but this is an area we wish to develop again as soon as possible.



Learning and Teaching

Key Stage 3

We are currently redeveloping our KS3 enquiry questions and our students cover a range of historical skills. In terms of content, we adopt a chronological approach covering topics including: The Normans, Medieval Life, The Tudors, The Industrial Revolution, Slavery, World War One and Two, The Holocaust, Cold War Politics.

Key Stage 4

History currently has a strong tradition of success at GCSE, groups are mixed ability and have five hours of History per fortnight. We currently follow the AQA specification, delivering the following units: American expansion and consolidation 1840 - 1895, Conflict and tension 1894 – 1918, Britain: Health and the people c1000 to the present day and Norman England c1066 – 1100. This year there are 3 groups in Y10 and 5 groups in Y11.

Key Stage 5

The school has a strong tradition of teaching History at this level. The AQA course is a popular choice including units about Nazi Germany and British Politics.

Exam Results

GCSE 2022 – 20.9% 7 or above
63.6% 4 or above

A Level 2022 – 50% A* - C

