



KING EDWARD VI SCHOOL

SHAKESPEARE'S SCHOOL

## History Department

History is a popular subject in the Sixth Form with four A Level sets. Students study a mixture of modern and early modern components focussed on the Tudors and the Cold War. A significant number go on to study history at university

History is also a popular subject at GCSE. The OCR Specification (History B J411) is studied with classes timetabled with one member of staff for six 45-minute periods per fortnight. Students study Crime and Punishment, the Norman Conquest, the Making of America, Living Under Nazi Rule and History Around Us.

In our two-year Key Stage 3, classes follow standardised schemes of work based on the National Curriculum, studying elements from British and international history over the past 1000 years. In Year 7 they focus on the period 1066-1500 and in Year 8 follow this up with study of the modern period.

As an addition to high quality classroom learning the department provides numerous other opportunities for the most enthusiastic. In recent years students have been involved in the Holocaust Memorial initiative and visited Berlin as part of our A level Cold War unit. Students also join the History Society and attend regular meetings each term.

Students preparing for university interviews for history are given individual help and advice regarding preparation and reading. A key emphasis of the department is that all students, where needed, should have individual time to discuss work with their teacher. The department also enjoys a major asset in the form of the School Archive, which is an invaluable resource for our students in their independent research.

There are two full-time members of the department which is housed in two dedicated, neighbouring teaching rooms which both contain large touch screen displays.

The successful candidate will be part of a small but dynamic team who teach across all year groups and who are actively involved in the extra-curricular provision at the School. The person appointed must possess the talent, skills, enthusiasm and imagination to help to improve an already successful department still further and to make a valuable contribution to the wider life of the School. In return, he or she can look forward to being welcomed into a friendly and supportive environment which will offer many opportunities and rewards.