

Holy Family RC and CE College



History Department

Curriculum Manager – Mrs S Cheshire

History at Holy Family College is an extremely popular subject. Over half of students in a given cohort choose to study History at GCSE with extremely strong outcomes. Since September 2017 there has been an upward trend in performance of students at the end of Year 11. This is a high performing department and a chance for someone to join a forward-looking team on their journey to outstanding.

The History department currently comprises of 2 full time teaching staff. Each teacher is based in his or her own classroom, which includes the full range of IT facilities for delivering quality lessons. All Key Stage 3 students receive 2 hours of History each week. Currently KS3 comprises of Year 7 and 8, however, we are in a transition phase at Holy Family College. From September 2021, instead of making their option choices in year 8, students will take this decision in Year 9. The KS3 curriculum is currently being developed with this transition in mind. We also intend to enrich our curriculum by offering extra-curricular opportunities within KS3 as soon as government restrictions allow.

History is a real strength at Holy Family College with numbers at KS4 increasing year on year. The focus within the department has been on exceptional teaching, exam strategy and planning, with an emphasis on historical skill. Results reflecting this can be seen from the information set out below.

	4+	5+	7+	P8
2016/17	55%	38%	10%	-0.99
2017/18	75%	60%	21%	+0.31
2018/19	84%	56%	34%	+0.42
2019/20	83%	63%	25%	+0.6

Students at KS4 currently study AQA History and are studying the following modules:

- Health of the People 1000-present day
- Norman England 1066-1100 or Elizabethan England 1568-1603
- Germany 1890-1945: Democracy and Dictatorship
- Conflict and Tension 1918-1939 (the inter-war years)

The post would suit an enthusiastic practitioner with a real passion for History. The post would suit a talented History practitioner looking to work in an outstanding, highly driven yet supportive department who can provide further avenues for us to develop the provision we provide our students. If appointed, we would offer you dedicated and enthusiastic students who love to learn, outstanding CPD provision and a passionate and creative staff team to help support you further your teaching career.