



FURTHER DETAILS OF OUR HISTORY DEPARTMENT

DEPARTMENT STRUCTURE

St Thomas More Catholic Academy has a fully staffed well qualified History department. The department consists of a Head of Department and two teachers of History.

CURRICULUM

The department at present offers:

- GCSE History
- A level History

Key Stage 3

Our current Key Stage 3 curriculum offer follows the National Curriculum and covers British history in breadth between 1000 and 1900 in years 7 and 8. In year 9, student cover 20th Century British and world events in depth.

Key Stage 4

History is a popular option at GCSE where the Edexcel syllabus is followed. This includes Crime and Punishment, Whitechapel, American West, Early Elizabethan England and Weimar and Nazi Germany. This syllabus is supported by a very popular London trip.

Key Stage 5

At A level students study topics chosen from British, European and World contexts and have the opportunity to follow their own chosen area of interest through the NEA/Coursework unit. In Y12 the topics are "Lancastrians, Yorkists and Henry VII 1445-1509" and "The French Revolution and the rule of Napoleon 1774-1815. In Year 13 the examined topic is "Civil Rights in the USA 1865 1992". The aforementioned coursework unit also is taken in Year 13.

ACCOMMODATION

The History Department is situated on the top floor, the location of classrooms allows for interaction between teachers and students. All classrooms benefit from plasma screens and access to laptops for the completion of independent research.

AIMS

Our department is a reflective department with a shared vision. We aim to:

- Be the best History Department we can possibly be.
- Build a unique and exciting learning community that goes beyond the curriculum.
- Foster a spirit of enquiry and the 'need to know' amongst our students.
- Share good practice to support a coherent approach to teaching and learning.
- Nurture links with other departments across Stoke-on-Trent to foster a sense of collaboration and support.
- Enable each person's continued personal and professional development.

This is an exciting time to join our department as we continue grow and strengthen as a team to face the future challenges ahead in the history curriculum.

