



# History Learning Area

## LEARNING AREA

The Humanities Learning Area teaches Geography and History at all Key Stages; RE to Key Stages 3 and 4; Travel and Tourism to Key Stages 4 and 5. The area consists of a dynamic learning base which caters for 78 students and 4 study rooms; each with an interactive white board. This space can be used effectively to help bring History to life and involve the students in active learning.

The department also houses a range of historical artefacts to help inspire teaching and learning.

## STAFFING

Currently six full-time teachers work within this Learning Area. Responsibility within the department is under the Head of Humanities and overseen by a Deputy Head.

## EXAMINATION RESULTS

Key Stage 4 results in 2021 saw 66% of students attaining a grade 4 or above on the OCR Schools History Project History B Specification. 20% of the total cohort were able to achieve a grade 7 or above.

At Key Stage 5 students follow the OCR History A specification. 84% of students attained a grade C or above in 2021.

## TEACHING AND LEARNING

The Humanities staff operate a joint planning system and team teaching for an active learning environment in the Learning Base at Key Stages 3 and 4. Our lessons include a range of activities and learning styles including independent and group work. Tasks also focus upon developing research & investigation skills; they also focus on building students' communication skills by debating key historical and ethical issues. Learning has always been enhanced by Historical visits to many places including Wroxeter Roman ruins, Black Country Museum, RAF Cosford National Cold War Museum, Belgium Battlefields and Poland, all of which helps students experience History in everyday life and understand different heritages. The History department have also previously enjoyed hosting a number of visitors into the curriculum area to enrich the learning of our students.



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## Key Stage 3

The History Department follow the National Curriculum by asking key questions based around historical concepts on cover a range of topics. In Year 7 these include the Romans, Medieval Realms and Castles. In Year 8 topics also include The Tudors, English Civil War, Black British History and the Industrial Revolution. Throughout Key Stage 3 students will also participate in Project Humanities which encourages problem solving when looking at modern day issues related to History, Geography, Politics, Religious Education and Travel and Tourism.

## Key Stage 4

GCSE History: OCR SHP History B: Crime and Punishment c.1250 –present; The Norman Conquest, 1065-1087; The Making of America, 1789-1900; Living under Nazi Rule, 1933-45; and the History Around Us study of Coalbrookdale.

## Key Stage 5

A Level OCR A: The Early Tudors 1485-1558; Democracy and Dictatorship in Germany 1919-63; Independent Historical Investigation; Russia and its Rulers 1855-1964.

## ENRICHMENT

Visitors to the History Department have previously included the History Squad who enact a number of periods from History to actively engage students in different periods. History were privileged to have a visit from a Holocaust survivor who shared their personal experiences of this dark time in History. Learning also takes place outside the classroom with a variety of visits including Wroxeter Roman City, Warwick Castle, the Black Country Museum and Coalbrookdale. Our students have previously had the opportunity to visit the Belgium Battlefields from World War One in Year 9 and the extermination camp Auschwitz and tour the medieval city of Krakow in the Sixth Form. The Humanities Team lead the extensive learning outside the classroom programme at the Academy.