



# History



## Key Stage 3

### **'There is history in all our lives.' William Shakespeare**

The History curriculum has been developed to inspire a passion for the past and a thirst for knowledge about what came before us. It has been designed to develop and nurture the historical skills our students will need at GCSE level including analysis, evaluation and interpretation. Most importantly the Key Stage Three curriculum endeavours to engage, excite and enthuse students about the history of our world. The programme of study is as follows:

- Year 7 – The Egyptians, Rulers and the Ruled, Castles, Medieval Life, The Tudors and the Civil War.
- Year 8- The Empire, Slavery, The Industrial Revolution, The Victorians, The Titanic and Civil Rights.
- Year 9- World War One, World War Two, The Holocaust, The Cold War, The Vietnam War and 9/11.

To bring History to life students are given the opportunity to participate in several trips across the key stage. In Year 7 students will visit Boscobel House as part of their study of the Civil War. Year 8 students visit the slavery museum in Liverpool and Year 9 students will be given the exciting opportunity to visit the battlefields of World War One on a 3 day tour of France and Belgium.

## Key Stage 4

### **Exam board – AQA History A (9140)**

- Paper One (35% of GCSE/ 1 hr 45 mins exam) A study in development: Medicine Through Time.
- Paper Two (40% of GCSE/ 1 hr 45 mins exam) A study in depth: Germany 1919-1945.
- Controlled Assessment (25% of GCSE / 6hr written assessment) Historical enquiry based on the development of Kenilworth Castle.

The History GCSE allows students to study the past in a variety of ways – in depth, through time, in a local context and from different cultural perspectives. The Germany aspect of the course is brought to life for students with a trip to Munich in the autumn term of Year 10. The course builds on Key Stage 3 studies and prepares students for the study of A Level History.

**Website:** <http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/history/gcse/history-a-9140>

## Key Stage 5

### **Exam board – OCR (H505)**

- Unit 1: The Early Tudors 1485–1558 (25% of A level/1 hr 30 mins exam)- A British depth study focusing on Henry VII's government and foreign policy, Henry VIII and Wolsey and Henry VIII's rule after 1529.
- Unit 2: The Cold War in Europe 1941–1995 (15% A level/ 1 hr exam) A non-British period study focusing on the origins, events and conclusion of the Cold War.
- Unit 3: Civil Rights in the USA 1865–1992 (40% of A level/ 2 hr 30 mins exam) A thematic study based on historical interpretations surrounding African Americans, Trade Unions, Native Americans and women.
- Unit 4: A topic based essay on anti-Semitism in Europe between 1919-1945. Students are given the opportunity to visit Auschwitz in the summer term of Year 12.

**Website:** <http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/as-a-level-gce-history-a-h105-h505-from-2015/>

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