



HISTORY

THE TEACHERS

Mr R. Firbank - Head of History

Mrs. D.L Shoemsmith-Evans - Lead Practitioner

Mr. M. Dawson - Teacher of History

Mrs R. Warner - Teacher of History and Teacher in charge of Politics

TOPICS COVERED IN Y7, Y8 AND Y9

We study history chronologically:

In **Year 7** we begin by looking at the skills required to be a Historian. We focus on the Romans, Saxons, Vikings and British History from 1066 to 1485.



In **Year 8** we focus on the years 1485 – 1750 with particular reference to the Tudor and Stuart dynasties. A special focus is given to the reign of Henry VIII and to the causes, events and consequences of the English Civil War.

In **Year 9** we study the British Empire WW1, WW2, life in Nazi Germany and Elizabeth II.



THE IMPORTANCE OF STUDYING HISTORY

How else can you make sense of the present unless you have a good understanding of the past?

It develops the skills of questioning and assessing arguments and evidence needed for good citizenship.

THE NATURE AND FORMAT OF LESSONS

All students are taught in form groups. There are 3 x 55 minute lessons (Year 7 and Year 8) and 4 x 55 minute lessons for Year 9 with an average of one prep each fortnight. Lessons involve a variety of methodology to include: research, source analysis, extended writing, note-making, interactivity, discussion and group presentations.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We have an escalating programme of co-curricular trips available across the key stages beginning with a theatre group visit for Year 7 and an English Civil War workshop visit for Year 8 to the Royal Armouries.



The annual WW1 Battlefields trip for Year 9 usually takes place at Easter and covers numerous historic sites and museums. For key stage 4 and 5 students, we run a trip to Berlin and Krakow/Auschwitz every two years.

We also have enrichment opportunities for exam group pupils in Key Stage 4 and 5, and run a GCSE mentor system.

RESULTS

Results are consistently good:

In 2024, 84% achieved grade 4 or above.



“If you don't know history, then you don't know anything. You are a leaf that doesn't know it is part of a tree.” *Michael Crichton*

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We want to make history:

- A life-long interest
- Engaging and accessible
- Fun but worthwhile
- A foundation for higher-level thinking skills