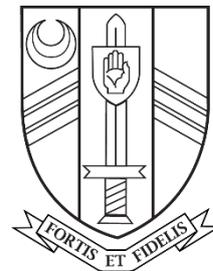


HISTORY

GCSE



The main aims of the course are:

- To help students understand British history in depth and some of the key personalities, pivotal events and changes in 20th century world history.
- To develop in students the skills necessary for success.
- To involve students in stimulating varied historical activity – historical research, role-play, ICT, video/DVD, discussion- as well as traditional reading and writing.

It will involve studying the following areas as part of the course:

1. Modern Depth Study. **Germany** and its problems after WW1. Hitler's rise to power. Nazi brutality, persecution and control. The role of the Gestapo, SS and concentration camps. Life under the Nazis. The role of women and young people. Opposition to the Nazis.
2. A Period Study. **Superpower relations and the Cold War, 1941-91**. How and why Russia and America fell out. The first clashes in Europe. The Hungarian uprising and the Berlin Wall. Cuban Missile crisis. Regan and Gorbachev. Collapse of the USSR.
3. A British Thematic Study. **Warfare and British society – with London and the Second World War 1939-45**. (Historic Environment). The nature of warfare and the experience of warfare from Falkirk to the present. The context of London in the Second World War and the Blitz.
4. A British Depth Study. **Anglo-Saxon and Norman England c1060-1088**. Harold Godwinson and William of Normandy. The Battle of Hastings. The reasons for castle building. Anglo-Saxon resistance. The Feudal system and the Domesday Book.

The main reasons for choosing this are:

- An interesting and varied course.
- Builds on the Key Stage 3 course which was constructed to provide the necessary background
- Helps students develop insight into our world today and how it has evolved.
- Helps students to express themselves clearly, orally and in writing, to carry out independent research, to analyse and evaluate information. Employers look for such qualities, and know that history students will possess them.
- A sound vocational choice held in high regard by Colleges/Universities and employers. Historians are eagerly recruited into banking, accountancy, civil service, armed forces, police, law, journalism and the tourist industry. All this apart from careers directly related to the subject in libraries, museums, the heritage industry and teaching.
- A high-achieving department with 9-4 results at 72.4% for 2018.

The scheme of assessment is:

Three examination papers:

Paper 1: Warfare and society and London during World War Two (30%).

Paper 2: Superpower relations and the Cold War/Anglo Saxon and Norman England (40%).

Paper 3: Weimar and Nazi Germany 1918-1939 (30%).

Course requirements are:

An interest in the subject and sound basic literacy. A text book is provided.

You can obtain further information from Mr M. McCabe, Ms. A. Parsonage & Miss Jenkins.