



HISTORY CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Key Stage 3

Transition Stage

As students join us from Primary School, they begin learning about the skills needed to a historian. Students study British history from the Middle Ages to the Early Modern period. Students also follow enquiries on local history and global empires.

This progression allows students to gain a base knowledge of the society and world they live in. Students gain an understanding of the history of Britain along with an understanding of power and authority in the wider world.

Students explore key questions that help them to make connections between different time periods and encourage curiosity and further study.

Foundation Stage

Students build their knowledge from the Transition Stage by learning about Britain and the wider world in the Early Modern and Industrial periods. Topics include migration to the UK, social and political reform in the UK, the Transatlantic Slave Trade, the Industrial Revolution, the British Empire and American Civil Rights.

Students build on the skills they have developed in the Transition Stage such as change/continuity, significance and chronology.

Key Stage 4

Examination Stage

Students follow both breadth and depth studies building on the knowledge and skills they have developed in the Transition and Foundation Stages.

The depth studies are: Germany in transition 1919-1939 and the Elizabethan Age 1558-1603.

The breadth studies are: Development of the USA 1929-2000 and Changes in health and medicine c.500 - present day

Students develop their historical skills by determining significance, analysing and comparing the utility and reliability of different types of evidence, evaluating different interpretations of the past and making substantiated judgements.

Key Stage 5

Advanced Stage

The A Level course is focused on 2 core units. The first unit is a breadth study of Tudor Britain between 1485 and 1603 where students develop a secure understanding of the process of change over time. The second unit is a depth study of Germany between 1918 and 1945 where students develop a deep understanding of change and continuity in a period of German history which saw a transition from democracy to dictatorship.

Students will also complete a historical investigation of an independently researched investigation of the causes of the Russian Revolution in 1917.