

KS3 - History

Overview

At Key Stage 3 we follow a broadly chronological approach to the study of History and aim to help students ask and answer questions of the present by engaging with the past. Lessons are led by enquiry questions which are designed to not only establish an understanding of the past but also develop students' historical skills. Students gain an understanding of historical study by evaluating and interpreting evidence, analysing different types of historical interpretation, exploring change and continuity, investigating causation and identifying and assessing significance. A variety of teaching styles and resources are used in lessons to challenge and engage the students and provide a foundation for subsequent study of History at GCSE and A Level.

Year 7 Content

- What is History? A skills based unit introducing students to the study of History
- The Story of Britain up to 1066 (This unit provides a link to KS2)
- Why was the Battle of Hastings so significant?
- Was medieval life all 'Muck and Misery'?
- Did the Black Death change people's lives completely?
- Could medieval kings do whatever they wanted?
- Chopping and changing - ordinary life under the Tudors
- Why did King Charles lose his head?
- How did life change during the Agricultural & Industrial Revolutions?
- How did Britain get an empire?
- Why was the slave trade abolished?

Year 8 Content

- Who were the Suffragettes?
- Why did an assassination lead to war in 1914?
- What was life like for soldiers on the Western Front?
- Was Germany treated fairly after the First World War? – interpretations of the Treaty of Versailles
- A better life under the Nazis?
- Hitler's war? Causes of the Second World War
- How did the Allies win the Second World War?
- What was life like on the Home Front?
- How did life change after the Second World War?
- What was the most significant event of the Cold War?

Year 9 Content

- How did the Nazis control the German people?
- Why is it so important to remember the Holocaust?
- Medicine through time 1250 –present
- Injuries, treatments and the trenches 1914-18

Assessment

Class work and learning is assessed through ongoing teacher, self and peer assessment in lessons

More formal checking of students' understanding and progression is carried out by half termly assessments which are tied to the core enquiries in the schemes of work

Enrichment

Students have the opportunity to visit historic sites throughout Key Stage Three:

Year 7 visit Mountfitchet Castle to support their studies in Medieval Life

Year 8 will visit the Docklands Museum in London to support their study of the Slave Trade

Year 9 students have the opportunity to visit the World War One Battlefields