

Brief overview and aims of teaching History

Pupils find out about the history of their community, Britain, Europe and the world. They develop a chronological overview that enables them to develop a coherent understanding of the past and to make connections within and across different periods and societies. They investigate Britain's relationships with the wider world, and relate past events to the present day.

As they develop their understanding of the nature of historical study, pupils ask and answer important questions, evaluate evidence, identify and analyse different interpretations of the past, and learn to substantiate any arguments and judgements they make. They appreciate why they are learning what they are learning and can debate its significance.

Please note that the History department are in the process of reviewing the current curriculum and the topics listed below are intended to reflect this. There may be further changes to KS3 for September 2019.

KS3

Topics taught:

	Y7	Y8
Autumn ½ term 1	Medieval Medicine	Slavery
Autumn ½ term 2	Industrial Revolution	Civil Rights
Spring ½ term 1	Norman invasion	WW1
Spring ½ term 2	Castles/Norman Conquest	Rise of Hitler
Summer ½ term 1	King John	WW2
Summer ½ term 2	WW1	Cold War

How will students be assessed in History?

MAP – main assessment point will be planned at the appropriate time of each topic, along with regular marking of students work every 3 weeks. Students will be tested with questions that are brought down from KS4. This is intended to prepare out students for the skills required at GCSE.

What homework is to be expected in History?

Students will receive homework based on their current topic. There will be a variety of tasks such as spelling tests and creative projects.

What extracurricular activities /enrichment will be offered to students in History?

There will be teacher's available afterschool to support with homework if needed.

Any useful websites that students could use for support or extra information
<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/subjects/zk26n39>

KS4:

Exam board and specification:

Edexcel – History GCSE

Exam information:

How many papers? 3 papers. All students will sit the same paper as there isn't any higher or foundation tiers. There aren't any controlled assessments for this subject.

How long are the exams?

Paper 1: 1 hour 15 minutes

Paper 2: 1 hour 45 minutes

Paper 3: 1 hour 20 minutes

Topics taught

	Y9	Y10	Y11
Autumn ½ term 1	Hidden Concepts within History	Elizabethan England	American West
Autumn ½ term 2	Western Front	American West	Elizabethan England
Spring ½ term 1	Medieval Medicine	American West	Elizabethan England
Spring ½ term 2	Medicine 1500 - 1800	Weimar & Nazi Germany	Revision
Summer ½ term 1	Medicine 1800 - 1900	Weimar & Nazi Germany	Revision
Summer ½ term 2	Modern Medicine	Revision & Mock Exams	Revision & Exams

How will students' progress be assessed throughout the course?

MAP – main assessment point will be planned at the appropriate time of each topic, along with regular marking of students work every 2 weeks. Students will be tested with past GCSE questions.

What homework will students expect?

Students will be set regular mini quizzes to aid with retention of knowledge. Alongside this students may also be set practise exam questions to plan and complete.

Any useful websites or information that students can use to support their learning?

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/examspecs/zw4bv4j>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/revisegcsehistory>