

History

What is our KS3 Vision?

- Students will gain knowledge of key moments and themes in British and World History. They will understand how studying events and themes in History help illustrate positive and negative consequences of human characteristics and the relationships between group and individual actions..
- Students will be familiarised with complex concepts and develop skills to work with these concepts: Selecting and deploying evidence to make clear explanations about causation, consequence, change and continuity; Understanding multiple interpretations of events, being able to evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of these; Using historical sources to make inferences; Evaluating the extent to which individual sources can be relied upon in forming conclusions.
- History, as a curriculum area, will set high expectations in terms of both independent learning and eventual examination grades.

What is our USP (Unique Selling Point)?

- History is one of the oldest and most respected academic subjects.
- This is because it teaches students to develop analytical skills to be able to understand why events happen. This enables student to make clear, logical judgements about past and contemporary events and also to respond well to occurrences in their own lives.
- History also teaches students to demand a wide context of the circumstances in which things occur, to see that while trends may be present, no one two situations can ever be the same. This reduces the tendency for them to jump to conclusion and helps to break down prejudices that can creep into thought.
- Additionally History has a terrific impact on the quality and accuracy of student's written expression.

What is studied in Key Stage 3?

	Year 7 (assessment focus)	Year 8 (assessment focus)
HT1	Early Islamic Civilisations (Significance)	Medieval Africa & The Trans Atlantic Slave Trade (Significance)
HT2	Medieval Life in England (Interpretations)	The Struggle for Civil Rights in the USA (Interpretations)
HT3	The Norman Conquest (Interpretations)	Revolutionary Britain: Reformation and Civil War (Interpretations)
HT4	Development of Medieval Monarchy (Source Utility)	Multicultural London 16th-20th C (Source Utility)
HT5	The Black Death and Peasant Revolt (Significance)	WW1 (Source Utility)
HT6	The Hollow Crown (Source Utility)	WW2 and Aftermath (Significance)