

History

KS3

What will I learn?

In Year 9 students will investigate how the events of the 20th Century have shaped our modern world. Beginning with World War One, we consider the causes and key events of the war along with the impact it had both at home and abroad. We will then study the events in Germany that created the conditions for the rise of the Nazi party and examine how the Nazis consolidated their hold on power in Germany in the 1930s. This allows us to understand the context of rising Anti-Semitism in Germany and to find out about the causes and events of the Holocaust. Students will investigate the key turning points of World War Two and debate the decision to drop the atomic bomb on Japan. Lastly we will study the Native American Indians culture and way of life and how it was threatened by the ambitions of the USA in the 1800s.

What will I do?

Students will take part in a range of activities throughout the year to explore these topics. These include research projects, group work, reading, film and oral history, source work and presentations.

How will I be assessed?

There will be a minimum of four formal written assessments over the course of the year. Alongside this presentations will be assessed and students will receive on going oral and written feedback throughout the year. Assessments will test the knowledge and understanding gained on a particular topic along with the skills we develop throughout the year in preparation for GCSE. There will be two areas of focus. Firstly, the ability to support a line of argument by providing evidence and analysis. Secondly, understanding and interpreting historical sources.