



History

KS4

Why should I study this course?

Studying History means you get to find out about some of the most interesting moments from our past while at the same time developing crucial skills for your future. Who was Jack the Ripper? Why did Plains Indians scalp their enemies? Was the Russian Revolution the most significant moment in the 20th Century? Why were Christians fighting Muslims 800 years ago? What is communism? Did people really believe in witches? Were cowboy's lives as exciting as the stories?

We will investigate all these questions and more in the 4 topics studied at GCSE:

1. The American West 1835-1895
2. The reigns of King Richard 1 and King John 1189-1216
3. Crime and punishment in Britain 1000 to present day (including a case study on Whitechapel 1870-1900)
4. Russia and the Soviet Union 1917-1941

While you are learning about these fascinating periods of History you will also be developing key skills demanded by employers and universities. The ability to research and investigate questions, evaluate evidence and support your arguments are all key skills you will need in your future. History is a highly regarded subject by both universities and employers. In summary, you will be studying a really enjoyable and interesting GCSE and get a useful qualification at the same time.

What knowledge and/or skills will I need?

- You do not need any prior knowledge of the topics we cover but we will build upon the skills you have been developing in Year 9.
- In terms of attitude; you need to be interested, enthusiastic, committed and hard-working.
- You need an enquiring mind and good reading and writing ability will help you.

How will I be assessed?

In terms of the final result, the course is completely assessed by exams at the end of year 11. You will sit 3 exams in total covering all the topics. These will range from 1hr 20 minutes in length to 1hr 50 minutes and cover a mixture of questions about historical sources and standard questions ranging from 4 to 16 marks. In class we will use these GCSE style questions alongside knowledge tests to assess your progress.

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