

History

Overview for Year 7:

The History curriculum begins in Year 7 by placing the student in the centre and asks “what has History got to do with them?” This will encourage students to see that they are connected to everything that has happened in the past, whether through personal history, family history, local history, national history and world history. We also look at how we study History so that students appreciate a more developed sense of chronology, how we measure time, fact versus opinion, sources of information and bias. Once students have this grounding in skills, we start to study through from the Romans to the end of the Middle Ages. Classes are mixed ability and all learning styles are catered for. During the summer term students will have the opportunity to visit Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre.

Units of Work Covered in Year 7:

Term One	Term Two	Term Three
What is History?	Roman Britain	Medieval Life
How do we study History	The Middle Ages	War of the Roses
The Roman World	The Norman Conquest	

What parents can do to help:

- Taking their children to visit local historical sites such as the Jewry Wall, Guildhall.
- Assisting with the themed homework, which will require students to find out about family history; parents could also help complete other extended pieces of work which will provide many opportunities to get involved.
- Visiting the library and getting age appropriate books regarding the topics that will be covered.
- Watching the news and reading newspapers with their children to encourage an awareness of and interest in current affairs.

Useful Websites

Useful general websites for all topics covered:

www.schoolhistory.co.uk

www.spartacus.schoolnet.co.uk/

www.bbc.co.uk/history/forkids/

www.historyonthenet.com/

Overview for Year 8:

History in Year 8 builds on the historical skills acquired in Year 7 with the development of critical thinking and analysis of information becoming more important. Students will be asked to think about reliability of information and why people have the views that they do about the past. This will all be done whilst working through the Tudors to the Victorians. Classes are mixed ability and all learning styles are catered for. Students will have the opportunity to visit the Black Country Museum.

Units of Work Covered in Year 8:

Term One	Term Two	Term Three
Henry Tudor	Tudor Life	The Victorians
Henry VIII	Stuart England	
Religious Change		

What parents can do to help

- Taking their children to visit local historical sites such as the Richard III Visitor Centre and Bosworth Battlefield
- Visiting the library and getting age appropriate books regarding the topics above
- Watching the news and reading newspapers with their children to encourage an awareness of and interest in current affairs.

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Overview for Year 9:

In Year 9 the History curriculum begins to prepare students for GCSE study whilst finishing the story of the last 3000 years with units focused on giving students an insight into why the world is the way it is today. Classes are mixed ability and all learning styles are catered for. Students have the opportunity to visit the Imperial War Museum at RAF Duxford.

Units of Work Covered in Year 9:

Term One	Term Two	Term Three
Slavery	Nazi Germany	The Cold War
Causes of WWI	WWII	Terrorism
WWI	The Holocaust	

What parents can do to help

- Taking their children to visit relevant historical sites, such as The Imperial War Museum
- Assisting with homework
- Visiting the library and getting age appropriate books regarding the topics that will be covered.
- Watching the news and reading newspapers with their children to encourage an awareness of and interest in current affairs.

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