THE HISTORY DEPARTMENT

Langley Park School for Boys is noted for its friendly atmosphere, with good relationships amongst both staff and pupils and the History Department is no exception to this.

The History Department has eight specialist historians who all have their own classroom and access to a wide range of technical and literary resources including interactive whiteboards and extensive DVD/ video facilities.

We aim to equip our pupils with a strong historical knowledge and a confidence in the use of the central skills of source evaluation, causal explanation, an appreciation of change and continuity, a sense of the diversity of interpretations, an ability to write in a variety of styles and to argue different points of view. Fieldwork and visits are organised to reinforce the subject outside the classroom - Rochester Castle, the Imperial War Museum, National Army Museum, Houses of Parliament, the First World War Battlefields of the Somme and Ypres, Paris, the D-Day beaches and Berlin are just some of the sites we have visited recently.

In the Key Stage 3 years we mainly the National Curriculum. The subject is setted with Geography and Religious Studies, and we have three Assessments each year taken by all the sets to ensure some common method of standardisation across the sets. In Key Stage 4 the subject is optional. Our numbers are healthy with about 85-100 students (in the year group of 210) choosing History. The GCSE syllabus we follow is Edexcel History covering such topics as Germany 1918-1939, the Cold War 1941-91, the History of Warfare 1215 - Present and the reigns of Richard I and King John 1189 - 1215.

In the Sixth Form A Level History continues to be a highly popular option for students. We offer two A Level courses in History, indicated below, and our large intake enables us to have two classes per course.

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| **AQA A-Level History** | (1) Revolutions: Stuart Britain & the crisis of Monarchy 1603 – 1702; France in Revolution 1774 – 1815; NEA - German Nationalism 1815-1919  (2) Crises: The Tudors 1485 – 1603; Italy and Fascism c.1900-1945; NEA – Irish Nationalism 1798-1921 |

In addition we work closely with the Politics Department who follow the Edexcel syllabus with the US option.

All these A Level courses are popular and we have had a record of examination success which we intend to build on. All members of the Department have opportunities to teach at all levels and abilities throughout the school.

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