



The Holy Trinity Church of England Secondary School

Department details History

DEPARTMENT : History

History is a popular EBacc subject at Holy Trinity with students being encouraged to learn about wider aspects of History beyond the curriculum. There are strong links with the other Humanities subjects, with Year 7 mostly being taught History, Geography and Religious Studies by the same teacher. Teaching is through a range of activities to promote independence and rigour in the study habits of the students.

STAFFING STRUCTURE

This year there are six History teachers including the Head of Department, who will be on Maternity Leave, a Director of Learning and the Deputy Headteacher. The team works closely with teachers from the other Humanities subjects and there is support for teachers teaching across the disciplines.

Courses and Exam Boards

In Year 7 and 9 all pupils study History for 1 hour a week, this is increased to 3 hours a fortnight in Year 8.

The Key Stage 3 curriculum is based on the three Big Ideas of

- 1) **Knowledge** (including chronology).
- 2) **Conceptual thinking** (change and continuity, cause and consequence and significance)
- 3) **Source and interpretation skills**.

At Key Stage 4, we follow the Edexcel GCSE Syllabus.

GCSE

Paper 1: Medicine Through Time

Paper 2: The American West and King Richard I and King John

Paper 3: The USA: Conflict at home and abroad.

At Key Stage 5 we are teaching the Edexcel Route 1B Syllabus.

A Level

Paper 1: Religion and the State in Early Modern Europe

Paper 2: Luther and the German Reformation

Paper 3: Civil Rights and Race Relations in the USA 1865-2009

Accommodation

There are two designated History classrooms, plus joint use of other Humanities rooms. All have interactive whiteboards or promethean boards.

Extra-Curricular

The department runs a History Club and Debating Society. Students are recognised for additional research beyond the main curriculum and there are presentations in assembly for Historian of the Month.