



Wootton Academy Trust

The History Department

'To inspire and to engage learners to investigate the past and to take an interest in the world around them. To enable learners to appreciate the diversity of the world we live in through the study of British and World History.'

History is consistently the most popular subject at Wootton Academy. The department is dedicated to inspiring a love of amongst our students. We have six GCSE classes in Year 10 and Year 11. At A level there are large classes in both Year 12 and Year 13. The history department also oversees the delivery of Politics which also has large classes in both Year 12 and Year 13.

The department consists of four full time qualified specialist History Teachers. All members of the department have progressed to take on wider school leadership responsibilities, reflecting the supportive CPD provision at the Academy. Nonetheless we remain committed to the priority of students learning and progress. The History Department works collaboratively with other departments as part of the wider Humanities faculty.

The History department has four dedicated classrooms. The department also has access to the excellent IT facilities at Kimberley College. The department offers every member of staff a wealth of resources from a well-stocked central library to networked lesson resources, and established schemes of work. All classrooms have white boards, visualisers and projectors linked to the school network.

In 2017, exam results at GCSE bucked the national trend and rose at Wootton Upper School. Results at A Level were in line with the national average. Students consistently rate the department highly and we are striving to be outstanding in all aspects.

The curriculum structure employs setting in Year 9 in order to maximise achievement for students of all abilities with an additional focus on literacy through History. At GCSE and A Level students are usually taught in mixed ability groups.

The courses we currently offer are:

Key Stage 3 – Year 9

- Why was the British Empire so big by 1919?
- How did ordinary people win power in Britain?
- The First World War, 1914 - 1918. An in-depth study
- Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918 - 1939
- Anti-Semitism: From the Ancient World to the Present Day

GCSE - Edexcel – History (9-1)

- Early Elizabethan England, 1558 - 1588
- Medicine Through Time, c.1250 - Present



- Superpower Relations and the Cold War
- Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918 - 1939

A Level - Edexcel

Revolutions in Early Modern and Modern Europe

- Britain 1625-1701. Conflict, Revolution, Settlement
- France in Revolution 1774-1799
- Germany, 1871-1991. United, Divided and Reunited

A Level Politics - Edexcel

- UK Politics
- UK Government
- Ideologies
- USA: Comparative study

In the past two years the department's wider curriculum provision has included:

- Day trip to Bedford Archives
- Day trip to Newark Civil War Museum
- Residential Visit to Ypres and Somme Battlefields
- Berlin residential visit
- Day trip to the Imperial War Museum
- Three day archaeological 'dig' in association with University of Cambridge
- Holocaust Education Trust – visit to Auschwitz
- Historical Association Young Quills Book Club
- Holocaust Memorial Day Commemoration Service
- Day trip to the Houses of Parliament

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