



Thirsk School & Sixth Form College

POSITIVE LEARNING, POSITIVE PEOPLE

Department:

The History Department comprises one Head of Department, three part time specialists and one specialist who is also part of SLT and therefore has a reduced teaching timetable. Each key stage has detailed and successful schemes of learning, which have been created by the department as a whole. Access to plans and resources can be found in files and on the school network computer system. History has always been a very popular option subject at GCSE and A-Level. Students enjoy the subject, and this is a key part of the department's success. GCSE and A-level results put the department amongst the most successful in the school and we pride ourselves on maintaining high standards and expectations of our students. Student behaviour is good within the department because teaching and learning is of at least good quality, students are well managed by their teachers and they enjoy the subject.

The successful candidate will have a permanent room from which it is likely they will teach all of their lessons. Teaching facilities include an interactive whiteboard.

Curriculum:

All students in KS3 have History three times per fortnight. The nature of the groups (setting or mixed ability) at KS3 is currently determined by meetings between heads of different subjects. There are three large groups of mixed ability sets in Year 10 and four in Year 11. We have one large mixed ability AS level group and one A2 group. In Year 7 students are taught a unit on 'Historical Figures', the Middle Ages and York. In Year 8 the focus is on the Tudors, Stuarts, the Industrial Revolution and the Story of the Vote. In Year 9 they focus on living conditions in 19th Century, Jack the Ripper and the Twentieth Century.

At GCSE we prepare pupils for the new AQA History Specification. We teach the units on America (1840-95), Conflict and Tension (1894-1918), Britain: health and the people, and Norman England. Year 12 and 13 study Early Tudors, French Revolution, Elizabeth and Italian Unification.

Enrichment:

At KS3 we have run trips to the Thackray Museum in Leeds. In line with the new GCSE specification we are currently planning a potential trip to the Battlefields of France and Belgium.

Ethos:

Our department prides itself on the positive relationship it shares as a group, with other colleagues and with students. Standards and expectations are exceptionally high but bring great rewards, not only for our students but also for us as a team. Students are used to their History lessons being interactive, informative and challenging for all.

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