

THE HISTORY TEAM

The History Department at Steyning currently includes the Learning Leader, one full time teacher, two part time teachers and one of the school's Leadership Team. History is an improving area of the school that has undergone significant development in the last three years. Results for the last two years have been good both at KS4 and 5, both our GCSE and A-Level results are above national averages for progress and attainment.

At Steyning we are fortunate to be able to teach some outstanding young historians across a wide age range. The department enjoys a healthy intake of students at KS4 with 4-5 classes in Years 9,10 and 11. In addition the department maintains strong interest at KS5 with 2 classes in Year 12 and 2 in Year 13.

All History teaching throughout the school is in mixed ability classes. It is expected that colleagues will use a wide variety of teaching strategies to meet the needs of all students. The school runs a two year KS3 curriculum where the focus is on mastering historical skill and developing the skills required for GCSE. Our KS3 course has undergone significant development in line with this agenda and in line with national changes in this area. Year 7 and 8 teaching is delivered through a series of enquires that fit into a thematic study of the past.

At GCSE our students follow the AQA syllabus. The GCSE units we teach are; AD America, 1920–1973: Opportunity and inequality, BC Conflict and tension between East and West, 1945–1972, AC Britain: Migration, empires and the people: c790 to the present day and BC Elizabethan England, c1568–1603. These units collectively provide a highly relevant course that matches the needs and interests of our students with the skills and interests of our staff. At A-Level we also follow the recently reformed AQA syllabus, we teach the following units 1C The Tudors: England, 1485–1603 and 2O Democracy and Nazism: Germany, 1918–1945 we also teach the American Civil Rights movement 1877-1977 for students to complete the NEA component of their A-Level.

We are also proud of the opportunities for learning we provide outside the classroom. This includes an annual visit to Ypres to see the WW1 battlefields and museums and annual trips to Bodium Castle for Year 7.

The teaching is on a split site with Years 7 and 8 being taught at both the Church Street and Rock Road sites, whilst Years 9 – 13 are predominantly taught in two dedicated History rooms at the Shooting Field site. All the department's rooms have interactive whiteboards which allow for a wide range of learning activities, multi-media tasks and use of the school's extensive media library. In addition to this the Humanities area has a class set of Chromebook computers.

Joining the History Team at Steyning Grammar School is an opportunity to work with great students, excellent resources and as part of a talented, forward looking and innovative team.