# Prince William School

# Humanities Department

# History

# Curriculum

History has a paramount place in our curriculum and is a very popular subject at both GCSE and A level. Our main motivation is to engender a love of History that is ‘life-long’ and does not end at the school gates. We are a team who work closely together and who believe it is very important to share resources, planning and ideas as well as supporting each other on a day-to-day basis. We feel it is important for students to understand the world we live in through events in the past and for them to achieve a depth of understanding of the place of the UK today. Students will use a variety of learning techniques in lessons to help them improve communication as well as written skills; they will learn about the causes and consequences of events as well as their significance and they will develop important historical skills to handle and to question sources, consider utility, provenance and inference. Students will experience International, National and Local History. We aim for our lessons to be thought-provoking and vibrant and we expect high standards from our students.

In Year 7 and 8 we begin by embedding historical skills and then concentrate upon topics from 1066 to the Nineteenth Century. Also we include a trip to the Black Country Museum. In Year 9 we focus upon Modern History and preparation for GCSE. We study local as well as European History with The Trenches of World War One and we visit the World War One Battlefields. Our Key Stage 4 is AQA GCSE and covers Health and the People, Conflict in the East 1945-75, America 1840-1895 and Norman England.

In Key Stage 5 we continue with the AQA board and follow a two year A Level. Here students cover Britain 1851-1964, Germany 1918-1945 and our coursework topic for the NEA is Stuart England 1603-1702.

In addition we also run a number of enrichment experiences such as a Sixth Form trip to Berlin.

## Accommodation

The Humanities Department is housed in a block of 7 classrooms, together with a staff room and a welcoming central area. All classrooms have interactive whiteboards and the department is well-resourced.

**Departmental Ethos**

In line with the school vision we aim to 'create an innovative learning environment which has all staff and students learning, developing and delivers the highest of expectations from ourselves and from each other.' In Humanities we aim to do this by encouraging new experiences both in and out of a class room environment. This will foster engagement and enquiry leading to understanding and engagement in the wider world context and their place within it.

# Staffing

Anna Mayes Head of Department (Assistant Principal) (Geography)

Debbie Ashworth Second in Department (History)

Caroline Jolley Third in Department (RE)

Mark Cooper Teacher of RE (also Assistant Principal CIAG & SMSC)

Sally Minoughan Teacher of History (also Director of Sixth Form)

Joanne Peden Teacher of Geography

David Sage Teacher of Geography (also Head of House)

Rajwant Sangherra Teacher of History and Geography

Kay Sammon Teacher of Geography (part time)

Jo Bennett History (part-time)

**Results 2018**

**A level History**

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| % A\* - B | | % A\* - C | | % A\* - E | | L3 Value Added | ALPS score |
| PWS | National | PWS | National | PWS | National |
| 50 | 55.2 | 89 | 81.8 | 100 | 99.0 | +0.5 | 2 |

**GCSE History**

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| **Number of entries** | **% 7+** | | **% 4+** | | **Estimated Progress 8** |
| **PWS** | **National** | **PWS** | **National** |
| 100 | 24 | 24.7 | 60 | 63.9 | 0.06 |

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