
An Overview of the Syllabus

History at Key Stage 3

- **History Headlines** – a chronological exploration into 25 key events from 1066 to the 21st century. This is followed by a series of depth studies focussed on the medieval world, which culminates in an independent research project. The medieval studies are supported by an investigation into medieval beliefs and an end of year **trip to Rochester**.
- **A World Turned Upside Down** – a study of how revolutionary the **English Civil War**, the **American War of Independence** and **French Revolution** were. Students then look at the impact of the **Industrial Revolution**, which is followed by an independent research project on life in the **British Empire**. This allows for students to grapple with various social, economic, political and religious problems of the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries.
- **The 20th Century World** – an exploration of the causes and consequences of war in this troubled century. An in-depth study of **World War One** (supported by a **trip to the Battlefields** in the Somme or Ypres) is followed by examining the impact of communism and fascism during the inter-war period. Students then look at key events during World War Two, supported by a **visit from a Holocaust survivor**. We finish by studying a variety of key individuals and events of the second half of the 20th century.

History at GCSE

We follow the Edexcel Modern World History syllabus. Core topics include:

- **Unit 1 Peace and War: International Relation 1900-91**
 - How did the Cold War develop? 1943-56
 - Three Cold War crises: Berlin, Cuba and Czechoslovakia, c. 1957-69
 - Why did the Cold War end? The invasion of Afghanistan (1979) to the collapse of the Soviet Union (1991)
- **Unit 2 Modern World Depth Study**
 - Germany, 1918-39

OR

 - The USA, 1919-41
- **Unit 3 Modern World Source Enquiry**
 - War and the transformation of British Society, c. 1931-51
- **Unit 4 Representations of History**
 - Vietnam 1960-75

History at A Level

- **Unit 1: Britain, 1625–1701: conflict, revolution and settlement**

This includes the Personal Rule of Charles I, the Civil War, Charles I's execution, Cromwell, Charles II and the Restoration, James II and the Glorious Revolution, the early days of Empire etc.
- **Unit 2: Russia in Revolution, 1894–1924**

This includes the collapse of Tsarism, the experience of WW1, the 1917 Revolutions and the Russian Civil War.
- **Unit 3: Civil rights and race relations in the USA, 1850–2009**

This includes analysis of the changing portrayal of Civil Rights in fiction and film over time; the impact of the US Civil War and Reconstruction, Jim Crow Laws, the New Deal, Martin Luther King and the 1950s and 60s, and the reasons for Obama's electoral victory in 2008.
- **Unit 4 (coursework): An essay analysing historians' differing interpretations of a particular issue.** The essay may be based on one of the three units already studied or on something new if a student so wishes.