

HISTORY DEPARTMENT

The History Department has made excellent progress in the last five years. We experienced excellent results at GCSE in 2018 and 2019, building on previous years of success under the old GCSE specification. At KS5, the History Department has been a red ALPS subject for the last 4 years; something never achieved previously. Our performance at GCSE has been consistently above the National average showing considerable value added.

The importance the School places on History is reflected in the curriculum time it receives - four 60-minute lessons per fortnight at KS3 and five 60-minute lessons per fortnight at KS4. The Department works collaboratively to produce resources and as a result our Schemes of Work enable consistency in delivery, opportunities for personalised differentiation by task and outcome and challenge through assessments that require a greater degree of independence. The KS3 curriculum is broad and balanced and allows for pupils to view the past objectively but also to study diverse units that will challenge preconceptions. We regularly assess pupils' knowledge and skills and encourage pupil reflection on their progress. History is a popular choice for GCSE. We consistently have between 60-100 pupils each year opting to study History at GCSE. History is seen as a well-respected and accessible GCSE.

At KS4 we teach the AQA course and pupils are examined on the Britain: Health and the People, America 1840 – 1890, Conflict and Tension 1918 – 1939 and the Norman England units. All schemes of work have been re-written in the last two years. Wellington also offers Advanced Level. A Level History is very popular and consistently achieves excellent results. Currently, we follow the AQA syllabus and pupils are examined on Germany: Democracy and Nazism 1918 – 1945 and Britain: Challenge and Transformation 1851 – 1964. Our NEA unit has a focus on the Tudor Rebellions.

The History Department is well-resourced. All teachers have their own room, each having an Interactive Whiteboard. The department also organises a number of extra-curricular visits for all years, including trips to the WWI Battlefields, Germany and Liverpool, and to nearby sites of historical interest such as Styal Mill and the Thackray Medical Museum in Leeds. Moreover, we offer a range of enhancement activities in school such as visits from a Holocaust survivor.

We are looking for a well-qualified and enthusiastic teacher who is interested in delivering engaging and challenging lessons in this very supportive Department.