

History

At Key Stage 3, all students study a series of core curriculum modules, with individual classes having time given over to individual expansion topics.

In Year 7, the core course provides a clear grounding in the skills and processes of the study of the subject, including ideas related to evidence, interpretations and partiality. Lessons begin with a focus on the History of Parmiter's School to orient the students with a common topic as well as develop these skills. That is followed by a study of Roman Britain and the changing relationship between people and authority with the arrival of the Normans.

In Year 8, students consider the changing role of the monarchy under the Tudors and Stuarts, including the Civil War, and then the impacts of the Industrial Revolution.

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Year 9 all students undertake our Africa study before moving on to twentieth century conflict and a genocide depth study, then finishing with a social history of Britain.

History is a very popular option at GCSE and classes are taught in mixed ability. The new course considers Germany 1919-1939, the Cold War c1941-1991, Henry VIII 1508-40 and Crime and Punishment Through Time. The core content is delivered in a flexible manner, providing opportunities for independent enquiry, alongside traditional methods.

Study is enhanced by a number of extra-curricular activities, refining subject-specific skills and encouraging individual learning. These include lower school trips to St Albans, theatre visits (for instance "The Trial of Adolf Hitler"), a trip to the battlefields of World War 1 and a visit to Berlin.