



HISTORY

The History Department at Newent Community School and Sixth Form Centre aims for pupils to acquire and develop:

- An overview of the past
- An increasingly firm understanding of organising concepts
- More purposeful and increasingly analytical enquiry
- A grasp of the importance of historical interpretation

Through their study of History, we hope students will gain:

- A deeper understanding of contemporary society
- Respect for social, cultural, ethnic and religious diversity
- Skills to actively participate in our complex and plural society

The Department

There are four teaching members of staff within the History Department. We are housed in a dedicated suite of classrooms, situated close to a shared office. The Department is well resourced and enjoys an excellent professional relationship with the Music, RE and PSHE staff, who are all located in the same area.

Key Stage 3

At KS3, History is taught for 4 x 50 minute lessons per two-week timetable cycle. As this is a community school with a full range of ability, teaching in History is in mixed ability House groups in Year 7 and by set in Years 8 and 9.

Topics Taught

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
Year 7	Introduction to History & the Neolithic Revolution Classical Civilizations The Norman Conquest	The Middle Ages	Tudors and Stuarts 16 th Century African Kingdoms
Year 8	Black Peoples of the Americas Revolutions	The British Empire and causes of the First World War	The Second World War – the Homefront and the Holocaust The Titanic
Year 9	An introduction to political systems of the 20 th Century The rise of Hitler	The Second World War in the East & German collapse Superpower Relations, 1945-1958	The Vietnam Conflict, 1954-75 Migration experiences – post- war Britain



Key Stage 4

At KS4, History is a popular option choice, and all groups receive 6 x 50-minute lessons per fortnight. The specification taught is the Edexcel GCSE (9-1). Students investigate Crime and Punishment in Britain, Henry VIII and his Ministers, The American West and Weimar and Nazi Germany. There will be an opportunity to visit a historic environment in Year 11.

There are planned changes to topics as below:

The American West – replaced by Superpower Relations (from September 2021)

Crime and Punishment – replaced by Migration through Time (from September 2022)

Key Stage 5

At KS5, we retain good numbers of students and follow the new OCR specification – H505. There are three examination units on the Later Tudors (1547-1601), Russia (1894-1941) and US Civil Rights, which include Native Americans, trades unions and women's rights too. There is also a coursework unit in the second Year, and the topic of study is a free choice for the students.

We hope to be able to offer Classical Civilizations (OCR specification – H408) from September 2022.

Detailed schemes of work exist for all study units in KS3, 4 and 5. They emphasise the development of skills and a varied approach, using a range of teaching and learning styles. Aspects are reviewed and rewritten every Summer Term.

Should you like to receive any additional information on this subject, please contact Mr I Woodward, Head of Department, via email admin@newent.gloucs.sch.uk