



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 by set in all years.

Topics Taught

| | Term 1 | Term 2 | Term 3 |
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| Year 7 | Introduction to History and the Stone Ages Classical Civilisations | Britain's invaders Medieval Britain | Tudors and Stuarts |
| Year 8 | Rights and Revolution, 1688-1848 The Industrial Age, 1700-1900 | The British Empire and its legacies, 1601 - 1970 | The Transatlantic Trade in Enslaved persons The US Civil Rights movement, 1865-1990 |
| Year 9 | The First World War The Inter-War Years, 1919-1939 | The Second World War The Home Front Anti-Semitism and the Holocaust | The Cold War The Vietnam Conflict, 1954-1975 |



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 or Medicine in Britain, Henry VIII and his Ministers, Superpower Relations and Weimar and Nazi Germany. There will be an opportunity to visit a historic environment in both Year 10 and Year 11.

Key Stage 5

At KS5, we retain good numbers of students and follow the new OCR specification – H505. There are three examination units on Britain (1930-1997), the French Revolution and Rule of Napoleon (1774-1815) and US Civil Rights (1865-1992), which includes 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.

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.

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