

Cultural Capital and Career Opportunities

'It is the essential knowledge that pupils need to be educated citizens, introducing them to the best that has been thought and said and helping to engender an appreciation of human creativity and achievement.'

Ofsted School Inspection Handbook 2019

Central to the teaching of History is the enrichment of the curriculum through trips and visits. Starting in Year 7 and running through to Year 11, pupils have regular opportunities to explore historical sites and engage with people for whom History isn't just a passion, it is also a career. These trips and visits allow pupils to see historical sites in a way that isn't possible in the normal classroom environment, and to engage with members of staff who work there.

We promote a language-rich History curriculum which is carefully planned in each topic. This is important to prepare our children for future success.

Another significant area in History is the links to other curriculums. For many years we have forged links between ourselves and English where many of their poems, novels and plays have a historical context that can be supplemented by their History lessons. A recent change to the English curriculum has seen the teaching of George Orwell's *1984* overlapping with our teaching of dictatorships to Year 9. The use of film and TV clips exposes pupils to the work of directors and writers to whom they may have never heard of.