

History Department Implementation Overview

Curriculum Implementation

This will be carried out in the following way:

- Clear overview of curriculum from Years 7 to 11 showing cumulative development of knowledge strands based on threshold concepts. Students will receive two hours per week in Years 7 to 9, with three hours per week at GCSE.
- Clear overview of curriculum within each key stage and each year, showing the sequence of learning.
- Shared and consistent lesson structures with accompanying resources.
- Coherent step-by-step sequences that build on existing knowledge and allow incremental development of knowledge.
- Access to broad and deep factual knowledge that allows them to use a range of thinking skills, including those that are deemed to be 'higher order' skills such as analysis and evaluation.
- Focus on learning – changes to long term memory – not performance. This will be implemented through the use of low stakes testing and interleaving.
- Explicitly teaching new tier two and tier three vocabulary
- Unrelenting focus on key concepts.
- Embedded regular retrieval practice and spaced practice
- Embedded and consistently applied homework focused on knowledge retrieval.
- 'Close the gap' by building and retaining long term knowledge in PP students.

In Year 7 pupils are taught History for 2 hours per week, and cover the topics of:

- The Romans
- The Norman Conquest
- The changing nature of power c.1066-c.1600 [THEMATIC STUDY]
- The Lancashire Witches [LOCAL STUDY]
- The English Civil War

In Year 8 pupils are taught History for 2 hours per week, and cover the topics of:

- Restoration England
- Britain's involvement in the slave trade
- The Industrial Revolution [DEPTH STUDY]
- The Great War
- Impact of the Great War

In Year 9 pupils are taught History for 2 hours per week, and cover the topics of:

- Women's Suffrage in Britain, c.1850-c.1920
- Germany, 1918-1939
- The Holocaust
- Impact of WW2
- Civil rights campaigns 1945-1990

In Year 10 & 11 pupils are taught History for 3 hours per week, following the AQA GCSE History Syllabus.

In Year 10, pupils cover the topics of:

- America, 1920-73
- Conflict & Tension, 1918-39

In Year 11, pupils cover the topics of:

- Health & the people, c.1000-present
- Restoration England, 1660-1685