



### **Our Philosophy**

We are committed to helping students improve their understanding of the world around them and how it came to be this way, so that they can develop a sense of awe and wonder. We want to instil a passion for History and give students a window into their own identity as well as the challenges of their time. We like teamwork in History as we see the sharing of work amongst peers of equal quality as the healthiest way to achieve our end goal. When we work cooperatively there is a greater sense not only of feeling that you have a voice, but also of sharing the weight together of working out what works. Equally, we foster independent and curious learners who are enthusiastic about learning. We believe in preparing our students for the world, creating well-rounded and informed students who are well-equipped for their future, not just the examinations.

### **Accommodation**

The History department is situated within three main classrooms for KS3 and KS4 and a separate KS5 classroom for the teaching of A level History in the Sixth Form block. All classrooms are well resourced with projectors, visualisers, resources and text books.

### **Teaching Staff**

All staff in the department have a genuine enthusiasm and passion for teaching History and are always thinking about how to develop their skills as teachers. The department regularly engages with peer lesson observations, department planning and discussions in order to diagnose and refine our curriculum offer.

### **Courses**

At KS3 students are taught in mixed ability groups for three hours per fortnight in year 7 and 8 and four hours a fortnight in year 9. They access a range of skills and knowledge through the varied curriculum. The curriculum allows for sufficient breathing space to revisit previously covered material and to ensure there is time to fill in any gaps in understanding. There are two main assessments a year in KS3.

KS4 students study the AQA specification. We teach in mixed ability groups across the key stage and all lessons are taught by subject specialists.

At KS5 we teach A-Level AQA History for year 12 and 13.