



Welcome to the History Department at St Bede's Inter-Church School

Thank you for your interest in this exciting area of the curriculum. We hope the following information will provide an insight into the work of the Department and we look forward to showing you our specialist facilities when you visit.

Departmental Structure

The History Department forms part of the Humanities Faculty and works closely with the Geography Department and the Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education (PSHCE) team. The Head of History, Alice Lloyd serves as the Head of Humanities and leads a dedicated team of three teachers of history.

Facilities

History lessons are all taught exclusively within the St Etheldreda teaching block. Each of the bright and airy classrooms is equipped with generous built-in storage units, interactive whiteboards and attractive displays. The Department is very well resourced with a large selection of textbooks and a diverse range of teaching resources to engage students in this highly popular subject. There is a Humanities Office and workroom where staff can meet. We work collaboratively using Office 365 Teams and provide a department membership to the Historical Association, including Teaching History.

Courses

All students study History in Years 7 and 8 for two one-hour lessons each week before selecting their GCSE options. The themes studied in Year 7 include: St Bede and a local history site study, The Norman Conquest, The Silk Roads and Crusades, Medieval Monarchs and society, a Cambridge historical enquiry, the English Reformation and the Renaissance and the Aztec Empire. In Year 8 students' study: The Mughal Empire, The Wars of the Three Kingdoms, African Kingdoms pre-1700, The Industrial Revolution, The African Diaspora and the Transatlantic Slave Trade, World War One, World War Two, the Holocaust and the Suffrage movement. In Year 9 students' study: Migration to Britain, Autocracy to Communism: Russia, The Cold War and the American Civil Rights Movement.

At GCSE, students study the OCR History B (School's History Project) course, with the topics of the People's Health, the Making of America, the Norman Conquest, Living under Nazi Rule and a site study of the Tower of London. History continues to be a very popular subject choice for GCSE with six classes in each year group.

School visits are recognised as an opportunity to extend students' appreciation and understanding of history. In recent years, trips have been organised to see the WW1 battlefields, to Berlin to support understanding of the Nazi Germany course, as well as the Tower of London for the GCSE site study. We also regularly organise assemblies on the topics of Black history and the Holocaust, as well as entering national student competitions.

To find out more about the history department please visit our website: <https://www.st-bedes.org.uk/our-curriculum/subjects/history/>

Results

History is a high-attaining subject and students make excellent progress, significantly above national expectations. Every year, many students choose to progress to study A level History at Hills Road or Long Road Sixth Form Colleges.