

## History Department Information

The history department at The Thomas Hardye School prides itself on being a dynamic, enthusiastic and collaborative department with a commitment to engaging students in the subject. High-quality schemes of work are in place across all key stages incorporating a wide variety of lesson activities and all year groups have access to a range of materials to support learning.

The department has access to five specialised history classrooms, a humanities ICT room and access to school resources such as iPad banks and an animation room. Humanities staff have access to departmental staff areas consisting of a humanities staff base and a designated quiet workroom.

We teach history in discrete lessons across Years 9 – 13. GCSE and A-Level history students follow the new AQA specifications. At GCSE we teach:

### Unit 1:

- AD America 1920-1973: Opportunity and Inequality
- BC Conflict and Tension in Asia, 1950-75

### Unit 2:

- AA Britain: Health and the people, c.1000AD- present
- BC Elizabethan England c.1568-1603

At A Level we have opportunity to offer two separate A Level history courses:

- Early Modern History which incorporates 1D Stuart Britain and the Crisis of Monarchy, 1603-1702, 2H France in Revolution, 1774-1815 and coursework (NEA) on the European witch-hunts 1560-1660.
- Modern History which incorporates 1L Germany, the quest for political stability 1871-1991, 2M Wars and Welfare 1906-1957 and coursework (NEA) on the reasons for the abolition of slavery 1727-1833.

History is one of the most popular subject choices at both GCSE and A Level and many of our students going on to study history and related degrees at university. Our most recent examination results are as follows:

	Currently in Year 11/13	9-7 / A*/A 2021	9-4 / A*-C 2021	Pass
GCSE	200	36%	89%	100%
A Level	65	37%	93%	100%

As a department we believe sincerely in the importance of bringing history alive to our students. Therefore, we strive to provide a variety of enrichment opportunities both within school and through visiting historical sites. Students in Year 12 represent the school in the Historical Association's annual 'Great Debate' Competition and we have a thriving Model United Nations student group operating within the Sixth Form. We liaise closely with outside agencies (local historians, museums, archives, authors) to further enhance our students' experience and passion for the subject. We offer students a variety of enrichment visits including the Chalke Valley History Festival (Year 10 and 12), London (Year 11) and Paris (Year 12), London (Year 12 politics) and Berlin (Year 13).