



## Key Stage 3 – Years 7&8

### History

#### Year 7 Outline

Year 7 start their studies on Medieval England, including the events of 1066; why the barons rebelled against King John; the Black Death; the Peasants Revolt; and the development of castles. We also study the Crusades looking at the relationship between the Christians and Muslims at this time and the battle for Jerusalem between Richard and Saladin.

There is then a focus on the Tudors including Henry VIII and why the church in England broke away from Rome and how Elizabeth dealt with invasion and intrigue during her rule. Students will then examine the reasons for and impact of the English Civil War.

The year ends with a focus on Migration and Settlement and examining the positive and negative experiences of the Pilgrim Fathers and the Wind Rush generation.

#### Year 8 Outline

Year 8 start the year looking at the impact of the Industrial Revolution on Britain and examine the economic and social changes such as children working in textile mills and the poor's treatment in the workhouses. This then continues with a study on Protest and Reform examining how the working classes demanded the right to vote and how events such as the Peterloo Massacre and the Reform Riots of 1831 aided this.

Their study on World War One assesses why the war broke out and why soldiers were so keen to join in 1914. Students when examine the conditions of the trenches and judge the role of Haig in the Battle of the Somme.

Students will then learn how peace in 1919 was soon followed by war again in 1939. The events of World War Two will also be studied with a focus on the Home Front and ending with a depth study of the regime under Hitler and an introduction to the Holocaust that is continued in Year 9.

#### Group/Class structure

In Year 7 and 8 students are taught in their tutor groups which is mixed ability.

#### Teaching & Learning Style

Students will experience a wide variety of interactive and engaging teaching methods to provide focus in the lesson and there is always great emphasis on discussion and encouraging debate.

## Assesment

Assessments are set each half term. Students are assessed on their ability to describe, explain and analyse as well as evaluate interpretations and historical sources.

## Opportunities beyond the classroom

At the end of Year 7 students have the opportunity to visit Portchester Castle for the day. They walk around the castle walls, walk up the keep and use their previous learning to judge how it defended from enemies and launched attacks.

In Year 8 their study of WW1 is enhanced with the opportunity of a three day trip to France and Belgium where they will visit different Battlefield sites including the Somme and visit cemeteries such as Tyne Cot and Langemark.