

Stretch and challenge for HISTORY

Key Stage 3:

- All of the skills we develop throughout Key Stage 3 are those that you'll need at GCSE and A Level.
- These skills include use of specific detailed evidence, clear and full explanation and source analysis- make sure to bear them in mind!
- We will also sometimes ask for 'History Experts' to help those who are struggling – this should be you. You should also try and take more of a leading role when we do group work.
- There will also always be a challenge task that will be on the board or you can ask your teacher for a challenge task. These are designed to challenge you to use the skills you will need to develop for GCSE and A Level.
- As well as this, a good bonus task to set yourself is to always try to include your own judgements about what we are studying and include links to other topics / other term's History themes.
- We do a lot of independent work in History. This allows you the freedom to complete work in the most imaginative way possible and so that you can direct your own learning and pose questions for yourself. If you can think of a way you would like to complete a task to give yourself an extra challenge, why not suggest it to your teacher?
- As well as all this, we will talk to you throughout Key Stage 3 about what it means to study History at GCSE, what skills it develops and what career paths it opens. Feel free to ask us anything you want to know.

Key Stage 4:

- The skills you need for success at GCSE include use of specific detailed evidence, clear and full explanation and source analysis. Throughout your course we make sure that you are clear on the criteria you need to meet in order to reach the highest grade possible.
- Exam Practice makes perfect. We have booklets of practice questions available for you to make sure that you not only have the knowledge you need but that you know how to apply it too. We also give you examples of high-level work so that you can see what to aim for. There are writing frames available to help with this too. Teachers will happily mark any extra exam questions you have completed.
- We mark your exam practice with plenty of constructive feedback and also take into account marks for SPaG. These can make a big difference – make sure to bear them in mind!
- As well as all this, we will talk to you throughout your GCSE course about what it means to study History at A Level or even Degree level, what skills it develops and what career paths it opens. Feel free to ask us anything you want to know.
- There will also always be a challenge task that will be on the board or you can ask your teacher for it, if you finish the task that you have been set. These are again designed to challenge you to use the skills you will need to develop for GCSE and A Level.
- Extra high level resources can be provided and additional reading given to those who require the stretch and want to prepare for A Level History.