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Welcome to the History & Politics Department



Staff:

- Mr Beale, Subject Leader of History and Politics.
- Ms. Soley, Teacher of History
- Mr Sankey, Teacher of History & Politics.
- Mr Smith, Teacher of History



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Our Year 7 Curriculum

In Year 7 Vyners students will study The History of Vyners School as an introduction to how we study history. We then explore the key events in British History that have led to us becoming a modern, parliamentary democracy with connections to lots of countries around the world. This includes The Battle of Hastings, The Tudors & The Industrial Revolution.

“Learning about Black Tudors showed me the past was more diverse than I realised ”

Year 8 Student





Our Key Stage 4 Curriculum

At GCSE students are entered for GCSE qualifications with AQA. Students will study the following Papers. Each features a combination of Source questions and essay questions.



1. Conflict and Tension: 1918-1939
2. Germany: Democracy & Dictatorship, 1870-1945
3. Power & the People, 1215-Present Day
4. The Restoration, 1660 -1685

“Studying GCSE History has given me the tools to be critical of sources of information and the confidence to create a written argument.”

Year 11 Student



Our Key Stage 5 Curriculum



*“Studying History A Level has fully prepared me for the demands of University”
Year 13 Student*

At A Level students have the opportunity to study towards qualifications with AQA. Students will study the following units.

History

- The Tudors, 1485-1603
- The American Dream: Reality and Illusion 1945-1980
- NEA essay based on a topic of pupil's choosing.

Politics

- Government & Politics of the UK
- Government & Politics of the USA
- Political Ideologies



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Our Co-curricular Offer

Students are invited to join the History Club for all students. This is an opportunity to study all the fantastic topics that we couldn't fit into our Key Stage 3 scheme of learning. We also complete special projects in conjunction with organisations like the National Archives.

Past trips have included trips to the Battlefields of the First World War in Year 8. GCSE students visit the Museum of London. A Level students attend University style lecture days.

We also have had trips to the USA in the 6th form.





Frequently Asked Questions

1. What do we study in History?

We study everything about the past! We study why people have moved to the UK, how people have fought for their rights, how Britain has had an impact on the world, how global events have had their impact on Britain. We even study what it was like to be at Vyners 60 years ago!

2. How diverse is the History Curriculum

The History department are determined to reflect how diverse the past is. We have included specific topics on Women's history, migration and black british history but we also make sure that every lesson includes a range of voices from the past.



Frequently Asked Questions

3. What Home learning is required?

We use home learning to prepare for lessons so that more exciting conversations and debates can happen. We also use home learning to delve deeper into the past and find out about the complexities of the topics we study.

4. How will my child be challenged in History lessons?

The History department uses up to date historical scholarship as the foundation of our curriculum. This means that students are constantly engaging with and challenging interpretations of the past.

5. What is History useful for?

The study of History fosters critical thinking, evaluation and argument. They are vital skills for an emerging economy where the ability to interpret evidence and present it to others is highly desirable. Alongside History, Students go on to study Law, Medicine & PPE at university.



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**We look forward to meeting you in
September 2025!**