

Overview of Year 9 History Curriculum

Pupils study key events and development from the Twentieth Century. The main focus is on the two World Wars, and their impact on Britain, Europe and the wider world. Pupils will be taught also about the rise to power of National Socialism in Germany and subsequent life in Nazi Germany, including the experiences of the Jews leading to the Holocaust.

World War One 1914 - 1918

Pupils will learn about the causes of the First World War, including the growth of empires, the alliance system, the Schlieffen Plan and the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand. An in-depth study of the nature of trench warfare on the western front, including the experiences of soldiers and weapons used is also undertaken.

World War Two 1939 - 1945

Pupils will be taught about the causes of the Second World War, which includes the consequences of the Treaty of Versailles, Hitler's aims in foreign policy, such as the reunification of Austria and Germany and appeasement. Key events of the war will also be studied, such as the Battle of Dunkirk, the Blitz and the evacuation of schoolchildren.

Germany 1919 - 1945

Pupils will be taught about the impact of the First World War and the subsequent rise of the Nazi Party and Adolf Hitler. Pupils will learn about the features of life under a fascist dictatorship in Nazi Germany, such as the maintenance of law and order, the use of propaganda, and the role of women and children. The reasons behind the persecution of the Jews, and the Holocaust during world War Two will also be explored.

Homework

This is set once every two weeks and supports work in the classroom. This will include written work; research about various people or events and revision for assessments. Pupils are encouraged to complete this work to the best of their ability and use, where possible, ICT to develop their technological skills.

Examinations/Key assessments

There are six AFL Assessments in Year 9; two are based on World War One, three focus on World War Two, and one on the experience of Jews in Nazi Germany. These are assessed according to the National Curriculum Levels in History. Pupils will also complete an end of year examination covering all topics studied.

How Parents can help

Ensure that History homework is recorded regularly once every two weeks and is completed to a high standard. Please encourage your child to use the library and internet for research. Useful sites such as www.historyonline.com will help their homework. Pupils should write up any information found in their own words, as simply downloading information does not always infer understanding. Also check that your son has the equipment needed for lessons, such as a pen.