



CHARLES DICKENS SCHOOL - HISTORY DEPARTMENT

Facilities

The History Department is based in three specialist teaching rooms which have recently been fully refurbished. Equipment is stored in separate storage room for all resources, textbooks and stationary.

All teaching rooms are equipped with newly installed SMART whiteboards and sound systems and a wireless network allows internet access. One History classroom is equipped with PCs for all students to use.

Key Stage 3

KS3 (Years 7 & 8) History is delivered through three 60 minute lessons per fortnight, and homework is set in two of those lessons. The curriculum is based around the National Curriculum for History, with Year 7 studying the Norman Conquest, Medieval World, Tudors and Stuarts and Year 8 studying the Victorians, the First World War and Second World War. We take every opportunity to broaden our scope and look at events across the world wherever possible and also to focus on local historical developments. Students are helped to acquire the skills necessary for success in the subject and assessment forms an integral part of the course. There are six summative assessments each based around the themes of study and at the end of KS3. Students are rewarded through the awarding of CDS points, in line with whole School policy at KS3.

Key Stage 4

History at KS4 is offered as part of the EBacc qualification and is a popular choice among the students; there are currently more than 100 students taking the subject in each of Years 9, 10 and 11 with over 170 Year 9 students choosing the subject. Students study the GCSE course over a period of 3 years with five 60 minute lessons per fortnight.

We currently follow the Edexcel 9 – 1 course. Students are examined at the end of Year 11 in three examination papers. Course content includes Medicine and Health in Britain c1250 – present day, Elizabethan England 1558-1588, Weimar and Nazi Germany 1918-1945 and The Cold War 1945 – 1991.

Extracurricular

Extracurricular opportunities are currently broadened within the department with a weekly History Club and close links with Kent University who have run a number of sessions for students and provided opportunities to visit the University. External trips to London and Berlin are available for GCSE students with other more local opportunities for KS3 students.