

BARTON COURT GRAMMAR 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 cupboard storage areas and there is also an office for the use of the Department team.

All teaching rooms are equipped with interactive whiteboards and sound systems and a wireless network allows internet access. Students have access to computers in specialist rooms which can be pre-booked for lessons.

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 and the Medieval World and Year 8 studying Slavery, Suffrage and the First and Second World Wars. We take every opportunity to broaden our scope and look at events across the world wherever possible. 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 using the same command words as those found in the GCSE assessments. Students are rewarded through the awarding of BCGS 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 200 students following the GCSE course in Years 9, 10 and 11. Students study the GCSE course over a period of 3 years with four 60 minute lessons per fortnight.

We currently follow the Pearson Edexcel 9-1 History course. There are three examination papers. The first paper examines the Historic Environment (London and the Second World War, 1939-45) and the Thematic Depth Study (Warfare and British society c1250-present). The second paper examines the Period Study (Superpower relations and the Cold War, 1941-91) and the British Depth Study (Early Elizabethan England, 1558-88). The final paper examines the Modern Depth Study (Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918-39). This is a linear course with all examinations being taken at the end of the course.

Key Stage 5

A LEVELS

Students follow the AQA specification; nine 60-minute lessons are allocated per fortnight and the teaching is shared between 2 members of the department. Students study *the quest for political stability: Germany, 1871-1991* and *the Making of Modern Britain, 1951-2007*. Students complete component 3, an independent historical investigation.

AND BEYOND

Each year, several students opt to continue with History, Politics or related courses at university and the department has had some success in helping students to secure places at many leading UK universities, including Cambridge, Bristol, Warwick, UCL and the LSE.