

# History at Norbury High

## Overview

The History Department at Norbury High aims to provide a broad, challenging, diverse and culturally rich programme of study for pupils of all backgrounds, preferences and abilities. The curriculum provides students with a coherent knowledge and understanding of Britain's past and that of the wider world. We hope to equip pupils with skills that allow them to ask perceptive questions, think critically, weigh evidence, sift arguments, and develop perspective and judgement, regardless of background or ability.

## Key Stage 3

### Year 7 History (taught as part of Humanities)

The curriculum in year 7 incorporates a range of humanities subjects including geography, history, religious studies and citizenship. Please refer to the separate year 7 humanities document for more information.

### Year 8 History

#### Theme: Conquest, Reform and Protest

#### **UNIT 1: Conquest and Confrontation: Anglo Saxon and Norman England**

This unit explores the Norman conquest of 1066 which saw the successful invasion of England by the Normans led by William the Conqueror.

#### **UNIT 2: Power and Authority: Medieval England**

This unit looks at life in medieval England for poor and rich, powerless and powerful.

#### **UNIT 3: The Tudors: Reformation and Religious Turmoil**

This unit examines how and why the Tudor family became one of the most famous royal dynasties in history. Students examine not only how the Tudors came to power in 1485 but also the radical religious change that took place over their 118-year rule.

#### **UNIT 4: African Kingdoms, Slavery and Abolition**

This unit begins by exploring the ancient kingdoms of Africa including the Kingdom of Benin and the Songhai Empire before looking at the effects of British imperialism and slavery on these great kingdoms. Students go on to examine the abolition movement in Britain which led to the transatlantic slave trade being abolished in 1807 and slavery being abolished across the British Empire in 1833.

#### **UNIT 5: Civil Rights in the USA**

In this unit students look at the origins of racism in America, the role of the civil rights movement in overcoming discrimination and the challenges still faced by African Americans today.

## Year 9 History

## Theme: Conflict and Consequences

### **UNIT 1: Britain in India**

Beginning with the achievements of the great Mughal Empire, this unit traces the history of India from 1526 to the present day, focusing on the role of the British and in particular examining the causes and consequences of the Indian Rebellion of 1857.

### **UNIT 2: The Causes, Events and Consequences of the First World War**

This unit aims to teach students the causes and events of one of the most destructive wars in history whilst also evaluating how its consequences would go on to shape the modern world.

### **UNIT 3: Inter-war years**

Unit 3 comprises an exploration of the years between 1918 and 1939 which saw both great progress and the rise of evil that would eventually cause the Second World War.

### **UNIT 4: World War Two**

In unit 4, students learn about the Second World War, looking at events such as Dunkirk, the Battle of Britain, D-Day and the dropping of atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

### **UNIT 5: The Holocaust**

This unit explores key questions regarding the Holocaust including what was the Holocaust?, why the Jews? and how could ordinary people let the Holocaust happen?

### **Unit 6: 1960s America**

This unit looks at one of the most eventful decades of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, exploring key events such as the moon landing, the Vietnam War and the presidency of John F. Kennedy.

## KS4 History

Pupils will sit Edexcel GCSE History at the end of year 11. The GCSE course provides pupils with access to a broad range of time periods and builds on their knowledge from Key Stage 3.

## Year 10 History

**Medicine in Britain c1250–present – Paper 1 Option 11:** this option comprises a thematic study, Medicine in Britain c1250–present, as well as examining the historic environment of the British sector of the Western Front, 1914–18: injuries, treatment and the trenches.

**Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918–39 – Paper 3 Option 31:** this option looks at the establishment of a new German government following the First World War, how it was replaced by the Nazi Party in 1933 and what life in Nazi Germany was like.

## Year 11 History

### **The reigns of King Richard I and King John, 1189–1216 – Paper 2 Option B2:**

this option looks at events that took place under the kingship of two very different brothers, King Richard and King John. The exam focuses on events such as the Crusades, war with France and the signing of the Magna Carta.

**The American West, c1835–c1895 – Paper 2 Option P3:** this option covers a period in American history during which white Americans moved thousands of miles across the country to settle in lands previously uninhabited by their kind. It therefore also examines the impact of this migration on the lives of Native Americans, how their way of life was ultimately destroyed by white settlers, and how white settlers were able not only to survive but to thrive in inhospitable landscapes.