

FITZHARRYS SCHOOL CURRICULUM SUMMARY

HISTORY

The History Department's aim is for all students to be creative and independent, determined to rise to any challenge and exceed expectations. History enables pupils to develop the skills to look beyond the headlines, to ask questions, and to express their own opinions. History trains minds and develops curiosity, so students understand the intricate web of events that has led to the creation of our modern world.

KS3

Students study a range of topics from prehistory to modern times.

In Year 7, we develop of skills of chronology, empathy and use of sources. We then apply these skills by investigating Tollund Man, the Normans and their impact on England, through to the reign of the Tudors.

In Year 8, students study topics including the English Civil War, Slavery, the British Empire and the early 20th Century.

In Key Stage 3 the skills necessary for success at GCSE level are integrated and practiced regularly, through a variety of different activities.

KS4/GCSE

At GCSE, we follow the Edexcel History 9-1 specification.

This course is examined over 3 papers, and focusses on 4 topics which are summarised below:

Paper 1 Crime and Punishment c1000-present day	Paper 2 The American West AND Early Elizabethan England	Paper 3 Weimar and Nazi Germany
Key topics include how crimes and punishments change over time and the role of the church, monarchy and government. The key case study for the paper is Whitechapel and the murders of Jack the Ripper.	Students study the movement of pioneers and white settlers into the American West during the 1800s, and the impact this has on the Native American population. Students also study Early Elizabethan England and Elizabeth's succession to the throne, how she came to a religious settlement and general life in late Tudor England.	Paper 3 focusses on how Germany and its people were affected by the end of World War One. We move on to look at Hitler's rise to power in politics and his eventual success in becoming 'Führer' of the country.

KS5/A Level

Students study the OCR History H505 specification. Across the course, students study the Ascendancy of France and Louis XIV, The American Revolution and America's first government, and Britain in the early 20th Century. Students will also write an extended essay on a historical topic of their choice.

Extra-Curricular Opportunities

Students will have the opportunity to join a variety of trips in History to locations including Warwick Castle, Abingdon Museum, The Imperial War Museum in London, Abingdon School library and The Black Country Living Museum.

We work closely with the History departments at John Mason School and Abingdon School which enables us to give students an even wider History experience.