

Broadening Horizons

For our study of History to have real meaning, we endeavour to give students an experience of the subject that goes beyond the classroom. Where possible students are offered opportunities to enrich their learning through first hand experiences, whether this be a visit to places such as France, Belgium or Auschwitz, an experience or the ability to hear a first-hand witness testimony to allow them to see that History is real, is all around us and has a direct impact on how we live our lives today. Allowing our students to see that History is a subject which opens up doors to many career opportunities is also an integral part of our students' preparation for life beyond school.

Careers

History gives students the skills they need to enter most professions and go on to further and higher education. They have the skills to evidence their points, create well supported arguments and analysis of evidence. These skills help with careers in Law, Policing, the Armed Forces, Civil Service etc.

Immerse Yourself



BBC Bitesize History

Use online revision tools like BBC Bitesize at home to improve your history knowledge even more.



Seneca GCSE History

Seneca's guide to GCSE History contains lots of revision resources and information to help you.

Praise and Reward

Our rewards system can be broadly split into four categories: classroom level, subject level, school level and privilege rewards. We'll focus on classroom and subject rewards here - for more information about our rewards schemes, please see our website.

CLASSROOM LEVEL REWARDS

Awarded for: working hard, taking risks and rising to a challenge, making mistakes and learning from them, helping others, and taking pride in the school community.

Rewarded by: praise postcards, positive phone calls to parents/carers, positive text messages home, and lesson based prizes.


SUBJECT LEVEL REWARDS

Reward scheme: star of the week, curriculum awards (Subject/School Way, participation, working with pride, embracing the whole curriculum), high flyer, extra mile, most improved.

Rewarded by: names displayed on reward boards, certificates, social media posts.

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Portraits of Queen Elizabeth I

Elizabeth I is one of the most iconic figures from British history - her image can be recognised in an instant. But this was no mistake, for Elizabeth's portraits were an audacious act of spin to cement her image of female majesty. In this documentary, Dr Nicola Tallis and Prof Anna Whitelock take a close look at the progression of these portraits in light of surrounding political turmoil.



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Curriculum Intent

“How we got to now” is the overriding aim of the History secondary curriculum at Wickersley Partnership Trust (WPT). Through a shared understanding and knowledge of our past history, we aim to give our students the ability to understand who they are and their place in the world. We aim to inspire a love of learning and the ability to ask questions.

Our History curriculum allows our students to ask and develop perceptive questions to help them understand the past and the present. In an ever-changing world, History allows our students to look to past examples, learn from them and ensure that as citizens we do not make the same mistakes that those before us may have done.

The History curriculum aims to give pupils a coherent knowledge and understanding of Britain’s past and that of the wider world. It inspires students’ curiosity to know more about the past.

Teaching equips pupils to ask enquiring questions, think critically, weigh evidence, sift arguments, and develop perspective and judgement.

History helps pupils to understand the complexity of people’s lives, the process of change, the diversity of societies and relationships between different groups, as well as their own identity and the challenges of their time.



Have your say!

At WPT we’re always looking for feedback. If you have any thoughts/opinions on this Curriculum Newsletter, its content or the curriculum in general, please scan the QR code to fill out a short feedback form.



Year 11 Curriculum

History is delivered via two 80 minute lessons per week. In Year 11, we look at the following topics:

Medicine in Britain

Medicine through time is a thematic GCSE course that explores how medicine has developed over 1000 years. You will learn about approaches to care, surgery, public health and treatment in different periods of time and compare them to identify changes and continuities over time. The course allows you to develop your written and source skills as well as enjoy a gory and gruesome area of History.

The British Sector of the Western Front

There is a specific focus on medicine on the western front of World War One, giving students chance to develop source skills through a more specific historical enquiry.

Early Elizabethan England

Students will find out about a thirty year

period of Elizabeth I reign. They will find out about her problems when she became queen - including religion and Mary Queen of Scots. Also they will learn about Anglo-Spanish relations upto the Spanish Armada. Finishing with the expansion of exploration under Elizabeth I.

Superpower Relations & the Cold War

Students will be taken through the Cold War from the end of WWII upto 1991. They will study how the Iron curtain developed, how the superpowers raced to become the ultimate power, looking at the Berlin Airlift and blockade, the Berlin Wall, challenges to the Soviet Union from Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Afghanistan. They will find out about Detente and the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Weimar & Nazi Germany

Students will understand how Germany went from a monarchy to a republic after WWI and how that republic was challenged and finally fell when Hitler became leader. They will then study how Hitler established his dictatorship and then how he controlled all aspects of German life up to 1939.

Assessment Points

In Year 11, students are assessed using exam techniques for essay writing and source analysis.. Year 11 Mock Exams take place during Winter, with GCSE Exams taking place during the Summer.

Exam Technique Flashbacks

Attempt an exam question using these techniques below:

Can you FDL your paragraphs?

Can you explain provenance when analysing your sources?

The History Way

The History Way is followed in all of our lessons. It is designed to help students become young subject specialists and has two main purposes: to teach students the vital skills needed to achieve their full potential, and to demonstrate how History relates to the wider world.

THE HISTORY WAY



We use historical examples to support our points

We always try to look at the historical context of events

WE UNDERSTAND HOW THE PAST CONTRIBUTES TO OUR FUTURE

We strive to incorporate history structures in our written work

WE ALWAYS TRY TO USE KEY HISTORY WORDS IN CLASS DISCUSSION

We are willing to develop our historical learning **beyond the classroom**

We are motivated to investigate the past & **become young historians**

We use analytical steps when investigating historical evidence



SUBJECT WAYS