

HISTORY AT THE BOURNE ACADEMY

Key Stage 3 (Years 7 and 8)

Students at Key Stage 3 are taught fundamental historical skills of change and continuity, cause and consequence, significance, interpretations, source analysis and essay writing.

Topics for each year group are as follows:

- Year 7: – Historical skills and Chronology, The Norman Conquest of England, The impact of the Catholic Church in the Middle Ages, The Crusades, The Black Death, The impact of the Reformation and the Renaissance.
- Year 8 – The Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade, The Industrial Revolution, The British Empire, Change and Continuity in the 20th century and the Holocaust

Key Stage 4 (Years 9 & 10 & 11)

Students study 5 topics which translate into 3 exams at the end of Year 11

PAPER 1 - British Thematic Study with Historic Environment 52 marks 30% weighting 1 hour 15 minutes	
Thematic Study (20%)	Historic Environment (10%)
Medicine in Britain, c1250 to present	The British sector of the Western Front: injuries, treatment and the trenches

PAPER 2 - Period Study and British Depth Study 64 marks 40% weighting 1 hour 45 minutes	
Period Study (20%)	British Depth Study (20%)
Superpower relations and the Cold War, 1941–91	Early Elizabethan England, 1558–88

Paper 3 - Modern Depth Study 52 marks 30% weighting 1 hour 20 minutes	
Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918–39	

Key Stage 5 (Years 12 & 13 – 6th Form)

In Key Stage 5, our students follow studies which will provide them with A-Levels at the end of 2 years of study

At AS and Alevel we are currently studying AQA History topics:

1J The British Empire, c1857–1967

2R The Cold War, c1945–1991

NEA / Coursework – students choice of topic

Field Trips & Outreach

The History Department at The Bourne Academy offers a range of trips including London, Bristol, Berlin, Belgium and Poland to further extend student's connection to History.

Where Can History Lead You?

As a history student, you will never experience the events that you study; instead you have to build up a picture from the evidence that has been left. You have to become skilled at asking questions, sometimes awkward questions; you have learned not to take everything at face value. You have to develop empathy and understanding of the actions and achievements of others; you have to be prepared to put your case and argue it well; you have to use evidence to draw conclusions and make judgements. These skills are highly desirable in many different careers and A -Level History is excellent training for any career where you have to use evidence or make decisions, especially where those decisions affect other people.

Please email the Subject Leader Daniel.schmidt@thebourneacademy.com if you have any questions about the curriculum or about your child's progress during the year.