

History Curriculum - Year 5



In Year 5 History lessons students begin the year by looking 'What is History' exploring the keys skill, such as chronology, source analysis and research, which they can the build on. After this pupils will then investigate the lives of the Greeks and their amazing civilisation five hundred years before Christ was born. In the Summer Term students will begin to look at how England was settled by the Anglo-Saxons after the Romans left and investigate how their lives compare to that of ours today.

History Curriculum - Year 6



The Year 6 curriculum pick up the story of the making of England where we left off in year 5 looking at the kingdoms of England, King Alfred and the Vikings. In the spring term we then move on investigate our own interesting local history. We look at how the lives of two brothers, George and Albert Wallace, two former St. John's students, and Bromsgrove in general was effected by the First World War. In their final term of Key stage 2 we will begin to prepare students for Key stage 3 by investigating what the most significant event in British History was between 1215 to 1783.

History Curriculum - Year 7



The Year 7 curriculum begins to focus more on Historical skills such as change and continuity and interpretation and begins with the classic topic of the Norman conquest. Students will study Edward the confessor and the contenders to the throne before examining the changes William the Conquer made to England. The Spring term builds on what the students learnt about the Norman conquest and investigates what life was like for the ordinary people of Medieval people of England. The final topic of Year 7 sees the students investigate the impact the Tudor Dynasty had on England. We will explore Henry VIII's break with Rome and the religious upheaval that followed before Elizabeth's religious settlement and the creation of the Church of England.

History Curriculum - Year 8



We begin Year 8 by investigating what happened to England under the Stuart royal family and explore the events which lead up to the English Civil War and what caused the country to split into two sides and wage war on each other. We then look at the life of Oliver Cromwell and the restoration of Charles II, the King of Bling. We then move on about 150 years to study the Industrial Revolution. We investigate, what caused the revolution and the impact this had on Britain, including crime and punishment where we will try and solve the mystery of Jack the Ripper. Our final History topic at St. John's is the sobering Transatlantic Slave Trade. We will study how and why Africans were captured, how they were taken to America, what conditions were like for them on plantations before investigating how Slavery ended in the British Empire.