



# TEACHER OF HISTORY

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## THE HISTORY CURRICULUM AREA

The History Curriculum Area has a strong reputation amongst staff and students with a consistently high take up at GCSE and A-Level. All teaching takes place in classrooms fitted with Promethean boards and we possess a wide range of resources and stimulus material. This includes class sets of specification-specific textbooks for GCSE and A-Level, though we encourage the development and use of a diverse range of resources to inspire students and encourage student-centred teaching and learning of a high quality. Lessons are centred around our vision of 'Real people, in real places, in real moments in time' and we endeavor to challenge and inspire our students' love of learning in the broadest sense.

It is the mission of the History Curriculum Area at Walton High that every staff member delivers quality first teaching underpinned by a clear evidence-based approach. Over the last couple of years a lot of work has been undertaken, based on the work of Alex Quigley, as part of the Department's commitment to developing the literacy skills of our students. The History department prides itself on the fact that it has taken the lead in several whole school initiatives. The History team ensure lessons are challenging yet accessible to students from a whole host of backgrounds and abilities. We aim to ensure that students' experience of History is both knowledge rich and about the development of their reasoning and thinking skills.

## KEY STAGE 3 HISTORY

All students study the Humanities as separate subjects in Key Stage 3 in mixed-ability groups. In History each student receives three one hour lessons every fortnight and a single homework of 30 minutes.

### Year 7

- **Unit 1: Conquest**
- **Unit 2: People and Society**
- **Unit 3: Controversial Characters**

### Year 8

- **Unit 4: Empire and Slavery**
- **Unit 5: The First World War**
- **Unit 6: The Second World War**
- **Unit 7: The Britain that we know and love?**



### *Key Stage 4 History*

History has proven to be a popular option at GCSE. History GCSE is taught over five one-hour lessons every fortnight in mixed-ability classes. The Curriculum Area follows the AQA GCSE specification: Conflict and Tension 1918-1939, Germany 1890-1945, Elizabethan England, Health and the People.

### *Key Stage 5 History – A LEVEL HISTORY*

We have one Year 12 and one Year 13 group. We are committed to providing a varied, comprehensive and quality experience for our A-Level History students. We teach the OCR specification.

#### *Year 12*

- England 1445 – 1509 – Lancastrians, Yorkists and Henry VII
- The Cold War in Europe 1941 - 1995

#### *Year 13*

- Rebellion and Disorder under the Tudors 1485–1603
- Topic based essay (Non – exam assessment)

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