



Archbishop Tenison's

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL



History Curriculum

- *In history at Key Stage 3 we study a wide range of historical periods, moving largely chronologically from pre-1066 in Year 7 through to the 20th Century in Year 9, in order to give students a broad chronological understanding of history.*
- *We study history at a local, national and international level. Some of the topics we investigate include West African Kingdoms, the Suffragette movement, WWI, the Holocaust, problems facing medieval kings and how black lives changed in Britain through time.*
- *At GCSE pupils study Henry VIII, Medicine through time, Weimar and Nazi Germany and the Cold War. At A Level, we study Elizabeth I, the American war for independence, Russia 1865-1964 and the US Civil Rights movement.*



What's great about History at Tenison's?

- *Historical enquiries form the basis of history lessons at Tenison's. From the start of Year 7, we encourage pupils to develop their investigative skills, through the close examination and analysis of historical sources.*
- *Pupils enjoy the variety of activities in history lessons at Tenison's. We regularly use group activities, discussions and independent investigations to encourage pupils to think hard about particular topics.*
- *We make the study of history enjoyable through creative projects such as making short films about the English Civil War, building historically accurate medieval castles and creating their own WWI recruitment posters and letters from the trenches.*



Opportunities and Successes

- *There are many opportunities for pupils to learn about History outside the classroom at Tenison's. We run a very popular trip for the whole of Year 7 to Rochester Castle and Cathedral to deepen their understanding of the Medieval period.*
- *In Year 9, all pupils have the opportunity to travel to Ypres in Belgium to visit the First World War battlefields, cemeteries and trenches. Our GCSE students have a week-long trip to Berlin to support their study of Nazi Germany and the Cold War.*
- *In addition to trips, we regularly have speakers and workshops at school. In the past year we have had lectures on black history in the 19th Century and Henry VIII's chief ministers. We also hosted a fascinating WWI medicine workshop with real artefacts from the First World War.*
- *Students achieve strong results at History A Level, and many students go on to study History with great success at university. A History degree is an excellent pathway into a wide variety of careers, including journalism, business and law.*