

HISTORY

Student year: **Upper 4 (Yr 9)**

Head of Department: **Mr J Tabb**

SUBJECT OVERVIEW

At Key Stage 3 (Years 7– 9) the History course explores British History from 1066 to 1945. In the Autumn Term our Upper 4 students will focus on the modern world, 1750 to 1918, and undertake a series of enquiries into some of the key events in this period. In the Spring Term they will begin to learn the course-content for our GCSE Paper 1a) USA unit.

Subject / Topic	Skills / Attitudes
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The British Empire: Was it a force for good?• Who was most to blame for the Great War?• Understanding interpretations: How accurate is the BBC's 'Blackadder' as a representation of life in the trenches?• The inter-war years: A crisis of democracy?• The USA: 1920-45. The 'Boom' years:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The benefits of the 'boom' years• The inequalities of wealth• New industries and the age of mass-production• The role of the Republican Government• Wall Street and the stock market 'boom'• A new era of entertainment in the Twenties	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interpretation and evaluation of evidence.• Developing 'complex analysis' within extended writing.• Understanding cause and consequence.• Exploration of relative importance of several linked causes (The many reasons for the outbreak of war in 1914).• Developing individual research skills, including the use of first-hand evidence and the evaluation of sources.• Understanding Britain's place within the wider world.• Understanding diversity within Britain.