KS3 Curriculum overview: History

Why do we study History at The Earls High School?

- We believe that it is vital for our students to have an understanding of the past, locally, nationally and globally. We encourage them think about the events of the past and how they link to issues of today.
- To understand the social, economic and political issues of the past that have shaped our world today.
- So we can assess the achievements and key events

What skills and knowledge do we anticipate students will have in this subject before they begin at The Earls High School?

We would expect students to have learned the following at KS2.

- To have and understanding of what the subject entails
- To have studied topics to have an understanding of change over time
- To have gained experience of chronology and how we know about the past using resources and artefacts

What skills and knowledge would we like students to have in this subject at the end of their time at The Earls High School?

We expect that our students will be able to engage fully with questions, discussions and debates.

We expect our students to be prepared to confidently participate in a cumulative assessment process and to be especially prepared for this procedure.

We expect students to have developed a sense of empathy to engage with the past

Students are able to argue their interpretations of a question using evidence to explain.

Year 7 Curriculum Map: History

Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Unit 1: Understanding History	Unit 3: Norman England	Unit 5: Rats, rebellions and religion
To learn about: Concepts on sources, historical terms, chronology	To learn about: How William won and controlled the land, changes made to society	To learn about: Black Death, Peasants Revolt and influence of the Medieval Church
Key assessment: Baseline test on Historical term	Main home learning tasks: activities in the study guide (discretion of the class teacher), reading, independent research	Main home learning tasks: activities in the study guide (discretion of the class teacher), reading, independent research
Assessment conditions: In class, revision of work learnt in initial lessons	·	·
	Key assessment: How did William Control England?	Key assessment: What information does the source provide about the Black Death?
	Assessment conditions: using class work to organise	Assessment conditions: Based on a source to
Unit 2: The Norman Conquest	an extended piece of work	analyse
To learn about: How William won and controlled the land, changes made to society	Unit 4: The Church and State	Unit 6: The Tudors
Main home learning tasks: activities in the study guide (discretion of the class teacher), reading, independent research	To learn about: the power struggle between the two – Thomas Becket & Henry II. Magna Carta and King John	To learn about: The Tudor dynasty – Henry VIII and the break with Rome, Reformation and the impact of the actions of Henry's children
Key assessment: How did William win the Battle of Hastings	Main home learning tasks: activities in the study guide (discretion of the class teacher)	Main home learning tasks: activities in the study guide (discretion of the class teacher)
Assessment conditions: using class work to organise an extended piece of work	Key Assessment: Was King John really bad? Assessment conditions: Extended piece of work.	Key assessment: Why Did Henry VIII make the break with Rome? Assessment conditions: Extended

Year 8 Curriculum Map: History

Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Unit 1: Elizabethan Age	Unit 3: 1750 Industrial Expansion and Empire	Unit 5: Black Peoples of America
To learn about: The control and stability Elizabeth brought to England	To learn about: What changes took place at this time, Richard Arkwright and factory conditions, public health issues, the workhouse	To learn about Slave Trade, Life as a slave, American Civil war
Main home learning tasks: activities in the study guide (discretion of the class teacher), reading, independent research	Main home learning tasks: activities in the study guide (discretion of the class teacher)	Main home learning tasks: activities in the study guide (discretion of the class teacher)
Key assessment: Based on key areas of Elizabeth's reign	Key Assessment: Why was Richard Arkwright successful in business?	Key Assessment: Source analysis on anti-slavery photograph
Assessment conditions: Series of question utilising different skills	Assessment conditions: Researching information to complete an extended piece of writing	Assessment conditions: In class, analysing a primary source
Unit 2: Gunpowder Plot & The Stuarts	Unit 4: 1750 Industrial Expansion and Empire	Unit 6: Political Power and Reform
To learn about: Ongoing issues with religion in Britain	To learn about: What was the British Empire? Who benefitted from the Empire? Main home learning tasks: activities in the study	To learn about: French revolution, Luddites, Peterloo Massacre,
Main home learning tasks: activities in the study guide (discretion of the class teacher), reading,	guide (discretion of the class teacher), reading, independent research	Main home learning tasks: activities in the study guide (discretion of the class teacher), reading, independent research
independent research	Key assessment: Written source analysis on British Empire expansion	Key assessment: Peterloo Massacre
Key assessment: Source analysis on the Gunpowder Plot	Assessment conditions: In class, analysing a primary source	Assessment conditions: Students will answer a series of questions to test knowledge
Assessment conditions: Using a source to analyse with a set focus		

Year 9 Curriculum Map: History

Spring Term	Summer Term
Unit 3: Rise of the Dictators To learn about: political change in Europe in the	Unit 5: The Holocaust
1930s, focus on the rise of Hitler & how the Nazis controlled the people	To learn about: Jewish pre-war life, why the Jews, persecution, establishment of extermination camps
Main home learning tasks: Independent research in preparation for the home front project	Main home learning tasks: activities in the study guide (discretion of the class teacher)
Key Assessment: Based on the control of the people Assessment conditions: extended writing based on	Key assessment: Holocaust memorial
a GCSE question	Assessment conditions: extended writing task
Unit 4: Origins of the Second World War	Unit 6: The 1960s
To learn about: the circumstances leading up to the war – appeasement, Abyssinia, League of Nations Main home learning tasks: activities in the study	To learn about: were the 60s swinging? Cuban Missile Crisis, Crime, Culture
guide (discretion of the class teacher), reading, independent research	Main home learning tasks: activities in the study guide (discretion of the class teacher)
outbreak of war Assessment conditions: students analysing sources	Key assessment: presentation produced by students based on their choice
and interpretations	Assessment conditions: collaborative work
	Unit 3: Rise of the Dictators To learn about: political change in Europe in the 1930s, focus on the rise of Hitler & how the Nazis controlled the people Main home learning tasks: Independent research in preparation for the home front project Key Assessment: Based on the control of the people Assessment conditions: extended writing based on a GCSE question Unit 4: Origins of the Second World War To learn about: the circumstances leading up to the war – appeasement, Abyssinia, League of Nations Main home learning tasks: activities in the study guide (discretion of the class teacher), reading, independent research Key Assessment: Analysis of the reasons for the outbreak of war