

History Department

General Information

History is a popular and successful department within the Judd School. Our average A* rate at GCSE, has stood at 64% between 2012 and 2017 and A' level results are also strong with over 89% A*-B grades over the past six years. We were particularly pleased with our first set of results within the new AQA course last year where 20% of our students achieved A* grades.

The History Department has always been successful at inspiring students to continue with the subject at university. We are very proud of our Oxbridge and Russell Group success with History students claiming places in History and related disciplines such as PPE each year. The successful applicant will be expected to help continue with this trend and inspire talented historians to continue the subject at university. Outlined below are the courses we teach.

Key Stage 3

The Department has set up a chronological course of study for Years 7-9 with each year focussing on a particular era within the framework of the National Curriculum. In order to complement the British and European focus, students also study a wider world issue within the respective historical era. In Y7 we study the Middle Ages with a case study on the crusades. Y8 students look at the Early Modern Period and the British Empire. Y9 focuses on the 20th century and world-wide conflict.

Key Stage 4

From September 2018 we are offering two choices at KS4:

- Our IGCSE course delivers breadth and challenge to the students. We look at International Relations from the causes of World War One through to the collapse of Communism and undertake the depth study on Inter-War USA. For coursework we assess the impact of D-Day landings.
- The new OCR Ancient History course covers Breadth Studies of Ancient Rome and Greece, each complemented by a depth study that can be freely chosen by the class teacher.

The specialism of the successful candidate will be taken into account when allocating KS4 classes.

A Level: AQA

All students will study aspects of British, European, Modern and Early-Modern/Medieval History during the two year course. The Department are currently offering: Germany and Russia Breadth Studies; Stuart Britain and Angevin Kings Depth Studies; Crusades and Tudor coursework units.

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Educational visits

- KS3: Varying depending on capacity, calendar and events.
- Year 10: Normandy (to support coursework)
- 6th Form: Lecture trips and Berlin.

History Society

The successful applicant will be expected to contribute to encouraging historical interest outside of the classroom by supporting History Society or otherwise furthering academic curiosity in our best historians.

Accommodation and Resources

The Department is located in the old school building with 4 teaching rooms, an office and a well-stocked resource room/ book store. There are computer-linked projectors in the rooms.

Person specification

The successful candidate will be able:

- to communicate their interest in History, both taught curriculum and untaught, to the students across all age ranges
- be willing to work in a collaborative department
- stretch the brightest students from KS3 to university applicants and provide a supportive environment for those who struggle with the subject
- able to identify, establish and lead opportunities for further enrichment of the curriculum

If you would like any additional information, please contact the Miss K Hoyer, Head of Department at khoyer@judd.kent.sch.uk

