

What will Year 7 students learn and how many lessons will they have each week?

Students will focus on a range of topics in Year 7 which will not only develop their knowledge and understanding of the past, but also their understanding of key historical skills and the work of historians. Students will begin the year by conducting their own historical enquiry into the significance of Milton Keynes in the wider history of Britain. Students will then do a depth study of the Middle Ages, starting by looking at the key issues and events surrounding the Norman invasion. Students will consider what life was like in the Middle Ages and evaluate the power of medieval kings. Learning will culminate in a thematic study looking at how democracy has developed in Britain since the Middle Ages to the present day.

What will Year 7 students need to bring with them to lessons?

Students will be expected to bring the following to each of their lessons

- Exercise books
- Pens and pencils
- Ruler
- Planner
- Highlighters or coloured pens
- Glue

Will Year 7 students have homework in this subject? How much?

Students will be set one piece of homework each week. These tasks will take students between 20 to 30 minutes to complete. Tasks set will vary in nature and will provide students with opportunities to extend their knowledge and understanding, review their learning and practice key skills developed within lessons.

How can I support my child at home with their learning in this subject?

There are a range of ways in which you can support your child in their learning. Firstly, it would be fantastic if students were able to visit any sites associated with the topics studied in class. This includes aspects of local history, for example Milton Keynes Museum, Bletchley Park, Bancroft Roman Villas or Bradwell Abbey. You can also support your child with homework tasks and by encouraging them to read around the subject. In preparation for assessments, you may also wish to support your child with any revision required through quizzing them and talking about what they have been learning in school.

What opportunities are there for further study and careers in this subject?

History is considered a facilitating subject and is highly regarded by further education providers and employers. As a facilitating subject, History provides students with a range of key skills including research skills, the ability to work with, analyse and evaluate a range of evidence. History also supports students in developing their critical thinking skills and their ability to structure pieces of extended writing. Studying history can lead to a range of possible careers including, journalism, politics, acting, publishing, teaching, museum and archive work and many more.

Why do we need to learn about the past?

History is a really important subject on the school curriculum. Studying history not only provides you with a detailed knowledge of key people and events, it also helps you to understand the world today, why things are the way they are and how they came to be. Not only this, but it will help you to develop a range of important skills that will help you in a range of different subjects, including English, Geography and RE.

Will we be going on any trips?

As the Academy grows, we hope to develop a range of exciting extra-curricular visits to help history 'come alive' for students. We hope to conduct visits to sites of local importance, including Bletchley Park. In addition we would like to organise possible future visits to a medieval castle and the battlefields of WW1.