



THORNHILL COLLEGE

History Department

History is a popular subject throughout the school. It is studied by all pupils in Key Stage 3. It has a large uptake in numbers at Key Stage 4 and 5.

The Department is extremely well resourced and members are encouraged to produce their own materials to complement the basic textbooks. The study of local history is emphasised within the programmes of study and site visits are an integral part of this. Department members are enthusiastic proponents of their subject. Staff make frequent use of ICT in both research and presentation. We have our own History Hub to use as a resource for teachers, pupils and parents. Competition work is undertaken regularly, pupils receive the opportunity to explore their creative talents and this achieves a high rate of success. Additionally, we have History Ambassadors in Key Stage 5 who help promote the subject throughout the school.

Key Stage 3 Curriculum- At Key Stage 3 we explore a wide variety of topics. We start with the basics of what is History in Year 8, explore the Normans, Native Americans and Slavery. In Year 9 we explore the impact of the Renaissance, the Reformation and the impact of the Plantation in Ireland. In Year 10 pupils have the chance to explore the Industrial Revolution, the Suffragette Movement, World War I and the causes and consequences of the Partition of Ireland.

Key Stage 4 Curriculum- At Key Stage 4 students study the CCEA Unit 1 Option 1-Life in Nazi Germany, 1933-45 and Option 2 Changing Relations- Northern Ireland and its Neighbours, 1965-1998. In Year 12 pupils study International Relations, 1945-2003.

Key Stage 5 Curriculum- At Key Stage 5 students study two modules in Year 13. They are: AS Unit 1: Historical Investigations and Interpretations- Option 5 Germany 1919-45 and AS Unit 2 Option 5 Russia 1914-41.

In Year 14 students study two modules. They are: A2 1-Option 4 The American Presidency 1901-2000 or The Clash of Ideologies and A2 2 - Option 4 - The Partition of Ireland 1900-25.

(Please ensure that in your application form, you address the criteria mentioned in the job advertisement.)

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