

# History

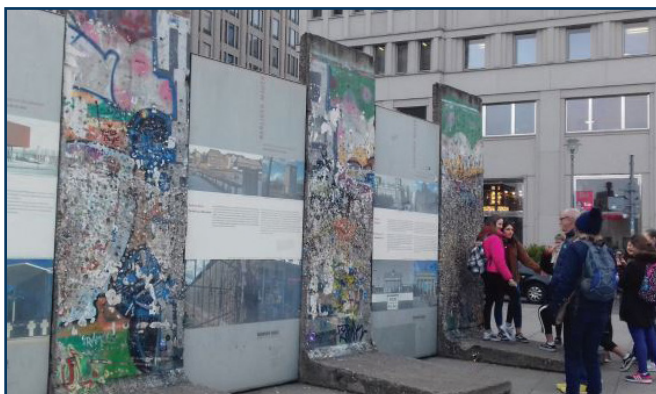
History at Northampton High is a dynamic course, designed to capture the imagination and accelerate students' interest in the world around them.

History introduces students to some of the key events and personalities that have shaped important developments in British, European and World History and still have an impact on the world we live in today. Pupils in Year 7 head off to Shropshire for the Humanities residential with History visits to Ludlow Castle and Ironbridge and on the Year 8 Normandy residential to see the Bayeux Tapestry and the beaches of the D-Day landings of 1944. At GCSE and A Level there are residential visits offered to both the Somme Battlefields and the historic city of Berlin.

## Key Stage 3

At Key Stage 3, pupils embark on a course designed to equip them with a strong understanding of British History from 1066 and the written skills needed to succeed at GCSE.

There are chances to study Medieval Kings, the causes of the Industrial Revolution and the London Blitz in units that develop critical thinking and skills with the use of evidence.



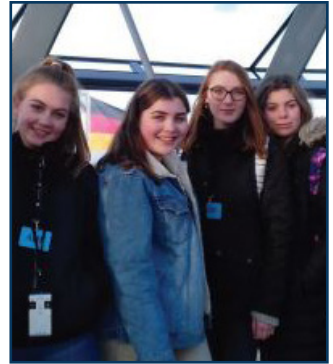
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# Key Stage 4

Topics covered in the GCSE Edexcel course include Warfare and British Society (1250-2007), London and the Second World War (1939-1945), Russia and the Soviet Union (1917-1941), Super-power relations in the Cold War (1941-1991) and Early Elizabethan England (1558-1588).

Students are encouraged to debate the issues raised, research around the subjects taught and prepare presentations to enhance learning.



# Key Stage 5



At A Level, the AQA course includes studies of Tsarist & Communist Russia (1855-1964) and the Making of Modern Britain (1951-2007).

Students also produce a historical investigation into any aspect of History (pre-1807) that interests them; an opportunity that very few schools offer.

Many of our Sixth Form students go on to study History at university in a range of courses that also include Politics and International Relations.

*“I’ve absolutely loved studying History at the High School.” - Imogen, Year 13*



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