



"A place where students always come first"

COLLABORATION · OPPORTUNITY · RESPECT · EXCELLENCE

Our Vision

As a history department is to ensure pupils have developed their character as individuals and are given the best opportunity to achieve the best academic results so that they are confident to succeed in life. Our range of history offers the opportunity to explore different people's perspective on issues and events and think critically about the world in which they live. The aim is to immerses students in a range of issues and engenders an enquiring and critical outlook on Britain and the world, with skills that can be applied in other subjects and in their future endeavours.

Curriculum Intent

Students at Rockwood will be provided with a rich and balanced History curriculum that allows them to harness and explore skills and knowledge, immersing students in a range of cultures and key themes enabling them to analyse the world around them. Understanding key concepts within History, such as significance, causation, and consequences, this will open the door for students to ask leading questions, analysis information and convey their views in a methodical and structured way.

CORE Values

Collaboration

Students are given many opportunities in the department to collaborate within the classroom. For instance, students are given the chance to share their ideas and explore history together. Not only does this make History more engaging but it also allows students to develop their confidence and resilience when trying to justify and explain their points of view. The history department also provides students with the chance to be involved in special initiatives where they also collaborate and develop not only their historical skill set, but also become more rounded individuals. For example, students have been part of the Echo Eternal project where they have been able to meet Mady Gerrard's story. They also have been involved in the Black History Month exhibition where they have been given the opportunity to work together and explore the importance of the rich culture of black individuals and how they have contributed to society. This more important than ever given the recent Black Lives Matter agenda and supporting and promoting the equality of all communities.

Opportunity

Within the History department students are provided with many opportunities to develop their historical skills and become immersed in the historical world around them. Students will go to trips for example to Warwick castle and the Black country museum where they are given the opportunity to explore what Britain was like and how it developed over time. This also enables them to become inquisitive historians where they can motivate themselves to explore history in more depth.

Respect

Within the History department students can explore key themes like democracy, tolerance and respect. Through the topics they learn like slavery, the feminist movement in America and the Holocaust, students can critically explore the significance of living in a multi-cultural society and the role they will play in promoting fundamental British values.

Excellence

At Rockwood we strive for students to always display excellence. Out whole school policies like our: uniform, homework, and behaviour policies to name reflect the importance and high expectations we set our students.

Curriculum overview

History provides pupils with an understanding of different people, cultures and the events that have helped to shape the world as it is today. History covers a wide range of time periods, societies and concepts. Pupils will learn to deal confidently with chronology, change and continuity across time, and the idea of historical significance. They will develop critical analysis skills, learning to assess sources and infer meaning.

History provides our pupils with the skills that are needed to distinguish between fact and opinion, the ability to structure an argument, and knowledge of how to present their ideas in different formats. Understanding past events and people and their significance gives pupils a better insight into the world around them.

Our history curriculum also aligns closely with the CORE Trust Curriculum Framework.

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Key Stage 3 Overview:

Year 7: How did church, state and society change England 1066-1603? (Aligned with the Trust Core Academies September 2022)

Year 7 Intent: Through the use of narratives pupils gain a thematic understanding of the development of Britain through the lens of religion, state and society during the medieval period and Reformation. Pupils know how Britain evolved from a Catholic state to a Protestant one, and the existence of multiple forms of Protestantism. Pupils know how key events in Britain connected to the wider world, as well as having a chronological timeline, and the long-term impacts that resonate today bringing the past into the present.

| AUTUMN 1 | AUTUMN 2 | SPRING 1 | SPRING 2 | SUMMER 1 | SUMMER 2 |
|----------------------------|----------------|---|------------------|--|-------------|
| Introduction to History | Medieval World | Tudor Britain Henry VII and the reformation | Tudor Britain | Tudor Britain- Elizabeth I and her reign | Elizabeth I |
| The Norman Conquest | | | | | |

Y8: How did ideas, political power, industry and empire shape Britain and the Wider world 1492-1928?

Year 8 intent – Through the use of narratives pupils gain a thematic understanding of the development of Britain through the lens of political power, industry, empire and society during the Early Modern Era and the Modern Era. Pupils know how Britain developed from an absolute monarchy to a Republic and onto a constitutional monarchy. Pupils know the origins of the British Empire, and the impact of colonisation on the conquered and the conquerors, as well as the impact of industrialisation on Britain. More explicitly, pupils should take away knowledge of how ideas such as suffrage led to tangible changes.

| AUTUMN 1 | AUTUMN 2 | SPRING 1 | SPRING 2 | SUMMER 1 | SUMMER 2 |
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| Exploration of the New World and Slavery | Legacy of Slavery/The British Empire How have interpretations of the British Empire Changes? | The Industrial Revolution | The Welfare Reforms | The First World War | The Frist World War |

Y9: How did challenges faced during the Twentieth Century shape the modern world?

Year 9 intent – Through the use of narratives pupils gain a thematic understanding of the development of Britain through ideas, political power, trade and empire in the Modern Era. Pupils gain a thematic understanding of the challenges for Britain, Europe and the wider world in the Modern Era. Pupils know the significance of both world wars in shaping our present day, therefore bringing the past into the present. It considers revolutionary movements during this time. Pupils will know the impact of key individuals and groups on international relations.

| AUTUMN 1 | AUTUMN 2 | SPRING 1 | SPRING 2 | SUMMER 1 | SUMMER 2 |
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| The Impact of World War one to the world | The Second World War | The Holocaust | The Post -45 World | Post 1945 world- The American Civil rights | Post 1945 World-The Cold War |
| The Rise of extremism | | | | | |

Key Stage 4 overview

(Aligned with the Trust Core Academies September 2022)

The GCSE History course is designed to ensure a broad, comparable and coherent student experience, with each paper constructed around distinct principles which are carried through to assessment. The breadth ensures a substantial study of history as its structure embeds the requirement to study history across three eras, three-time scales and three geographical contexts and incorporates each of the five specified elements.

Students will develop a secure understanding of chronology, knowledge and understanding of history on different scales and contexts, apply historical concepts and processes and engage with the nature of evidence and interpretation. In each topic students will engage with a variety of perspectives, such as political, social and economic, and investigate the contributions of key individuals and groups. In this way students will be able to draw parallels and make links between the distinct areas of study.

AQA Curriculum course of study into two papers:

Paper 1: Understanding the modern world

- Section A: Period Studies
- Section B: Wider World depth studies

Paper 2: Shaping the nation

- Section A: Thematic Studies
- Section B: British depth studies with historic environment

Paper 1: Understanding the modern world helps students to understand key developments and events in modern world history.

Paper 2: Shaping the nation enables students to understand key developments and events in the history of Britain. The content engages students and stimulates their interest in history, whilst maintaining high levels of comparability. It allows the KS4 curriculum not only integrity, but also sits within a coherent curriculum linking Key Stage 3.

Year 10

| AUTUMN 1 | AUTUMN 2 | SPRING 1 | SPRING 2 | SUMMER 1 | SUMMER 2 |
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| Section A -paper 2: Thematic studies 1.Medicine stands still 2. The beginnings of change | Section A -paper 2: Thematic studies 3. A revolution in medicine | Section A -paper 2: Thematic studies 4. Modern medicine | Section B- paper 1- Wider world depth studies- Conflict and Tension | Section B- paper 1- Wider world depth studies- Conflict and Tension | Section B- paper 1- Wider world depth studies- Conflict and tension/ Democracy and Dictatorship |

Year 11

| AUTUMN 1 | AUTUMN 2 | SPRING 1 | SPRING 2 | SUMMER 1 | SUMMER 2 |
|--|--|---|--|----------|----------|
| Section A -paper 1- Period studies – Germany, 1890- 1945: Democracy | Section A -paper 1- Period studies – Germany, 1890- 1945: Democracy | Section B- paper 2: Shaping the nation – British Depth studies including the historic environment- Elizabeth | Section B- paper 2: Shaping the nation – British Depth studies including the historic environment- Elizabeth | Exam | Exam |

The students will undertake 2 written exam papers for the course each paper will be a duration of 2 hours awarded with 84 marks (Including 4 marks for spelling, punctuation, and grammar) 50% of GCSE for each paper.

Assessment & Feedback

Students in all year groups are assessed on the content they have studied. This gives the teacher an opportunity to assess the skills and contextual knowledge students have learnt and a time to reflect if new skills can be acquired by students or if knowledge/skills need to be revised again. (summative assessments)

Regular progress checks between tasks are taken in History to assess the learning of students within lessons. For example, regular progress checks include open questions, quizzes and games. *(formative assessments)*

Aligned Cohorts: The Y7 & Y10 cohorts are aligned with the Trust schools, so will be assessed cumulatively at the end of each schema building unit, via a centrally agreed assessment. These will be marked internally, and QLA's will be input on the departmental spreadsheet.

All year groups in Key Stages 3 and 4 will complete an assessment in all six of the half terms in a year. Two of the six assessments will be completed as timed, closed book assessments in exam conditions in student books, where students are told what and how to revise the content of the paper in preparation for the assessment. The remaining four assessments are rolling, where questions will be completed in a half term, within lesson time, in exam conditions. Staff should plan for the assessment questions which are outlined in the Schemes of Work and the Department Big Pictures. All data, from either formal or rolling assessments, is recorded on the department data sheets to monitor student progress.

Marking and Feedback policy

The history department uses verbal feedback as well as regular marking and feedback to empower students to independently assess themselves and their learning. Dialogue between student and pupils is clear and pupils are aware of target grades and what they need to do to

achieve better results. The following process is undertaken during marking and feedback of students work:

| Class | Year 8 | | Date |
|---|--|---|--|
| Topic WWW: | Slavery | Marking for literacy | |
| Use key w Provide reanswers. Explain yo Refer to h Evaluate t | asons for your | Sp.Spelling (write the corr T Task incomplete (compl C Capitals (Use capital lett D Date (Add the date to yo U Underline (Underline date) | ete the task in full using red pen) ters where appropriate) ur work) |
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| Next Steps in Define Make Provie Expla | Learning (ANSWER IND) e key words. a clear inference froi de two features with in two reasons for wi | support. hy the slave trade was abo | |

Other guidance for teachers to follow when marking:

1.Assessment feedback must be given using the department feedback sheets and printed on yellow paper and in a two-week window.

2. Peer marking and self-assessment can be utilised throughout topics to provide the pupils with feedback on their practice questions ahead of their assessment.

3. Marking of assessment questions must be depth marked, using annotations throughout.

4. Pupils are given a numerical mark for each question and an overall mark and yellow feedback sheets must be used to assist in marking and highlighted to show students areas of strength and areas to improve.

5. Time must be allocated in the next appropriate lesson for the pupils to complete a DIRT task. This can be a section of the question they need to improve on, a new question using the same question stem, or a related task given.

- Books should be checked, work acknowledged and corrected, and literacy marked by the class teacher every two weeks, with one piece of homework being depth marked every Half Term.
- Appropriate rewards should be issued by the teacher; outstanding work or effort should be given a sticker or stamp, with an Achievement Point recorded on Class charts.
- If work is substandard or incomplete, a sanction must be given in line with the Rockwood Behaviour Policy and the work then completed to a suitable standard.

Homework What type of homework? What platform? How often? How is it monitored?

Literacy in History policy

Why is literacy important in History?

veloping literacy in history involves integrating the teaching of speaking, listening and critical thinking th reading and writing. In order to communicate historically, pupils need to be introduced to the indemic register of the historian. This will assist in improving children and young people's literacy in tory and narrowing the gap in attainment for high and low social backgrounds.

What is disciplinary literacy?

Disciplinary literacy in history focuses on developing students' ability to read, write and communicate effectively in history.

"Disciplinary Literacy: A Shift that Makes Sense" by Releah Lent

How do we incorporate literacy into our history curriculum at Rockwood Academy? Within the history department, we aim to embed literacy in several ways:

- Provide targeted vocabulary
- Develop students' ability to read complex academic text
- Break down complex tasks
- Combine writing instructions with reading in history
- Provide opportunities for structured tasks
- Provide high quality literacy interventions for struggling students.
- Developing oracy in history

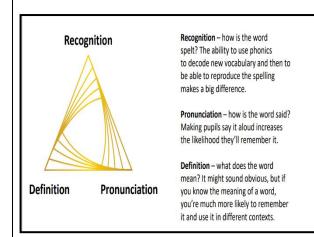
To achieve this, we have embedded this pedagogy approach in our departmental practice and approaches to ensure all students are given explicit opportunities to develop in history. Lesson sequences will be customised by the classroom teacher to ensure students are receiving purposeful and meaningful activities to promote their literacy in History.

1. **Lesson**: All lessons resources/PowerPoint material, will feature a keyword bank for the lesson. These are carefully selected words which will be taught or reviewed over the course of the lesson. History teaching lessons will have a three-tier vocabulary model which consists of high frequency, medium frequency and low frequency words.

These words will be referred to during the lessons & where appropriate Do Now & lesson activities will be linked to these keywords.

2. Medium term plan [MTP]: All students will be given a learning journey that has been devised on the medium-term plan. The medium-term plan will identify historical keywords that will be covered over the course of the topic. This is a useful starting point for classroom support assistants to pre-teach required vocabulary & for students to refer to as they progress through the topic.

3. Purposeful activities with a literacy focus: Teachers will design lessons sequences to incorporate explicit opportunities to focus on embedding & enhancing literacy in History, both in a written and oral format for example:



Building specific history vocabulary

4. Introducing Historic terminology: Using a four-square vocabulary in history lessons where students are being given key words and needing to learn their definitions.

| Top left: teacher describes the word and models in context Top right: pupils discuss & give examples Bottom right: pupils think of synonyms or | By August 1934, Hitler could be defined as a dictator (the führer of Germany) as he had total control over the | To mark out the boundaries or limits detail |
|--|--|--|
| draw an image/diagram Bottom left : pupils use word in a sentence | German government and army. He was accountable to no one. | delineate determine |

In KS3 there is a clear focus on acquiring & understanding new scientific terminology which students will continue to use during the rest of their time studying Science. In KS4 students will be building upon the literacy foundations constructed in KS3. During their GCSE course, students will be able to understand what is meant by the command words used in exam style questions, use tier two & three vocabulary in the correct context and be able to decode unfamiliar vocabulary using their prior knowledge.

To effectively embed the new terminology in history all students will be:

- Read
- Write
- Think

1. Think sequentially and identify bias

2. Compare and contrast events, accounts, documents and visuals Determine meaning of words within context.

3. Understanding complex historic vocabulary [tier 3 words] through reading historic articles/passages for meaning and interpret primary and secondary sources.

4. To use active reading strategies e.g. completing appropriate **DART** [Directed Activities Related

to Text] activities to demonstrate understanding through use and modification of the text. 5. Write the key words in the glossary page for each topic through the use of Knowledge

organisers for each topic [KS3 only].

6. As part of students AfL checks & Do Now Activities will be differentiated according to the needs and ability of students.

7. Create extended pieces of writing based on argumentative principle.

8. Create timelines with accompanying narratives.

9. Synthesise information and evidence from multiple sources for students to write coherently and organize their ideas. Students will be guided to write up answers for essays and questions through modeling and structured writing frames.

10. Focus on sentences as these are the building blocks of writing. By learning to produce complex sentences, students are forced to think at a higher level and will produce more sophisticated responses. Sentences can be used to get students to review material, explore nuance and think critically helping students to become better readers as they can manage complex syntax
11. Create narratives relying on valid primary and secondary sources to guide students thinking.

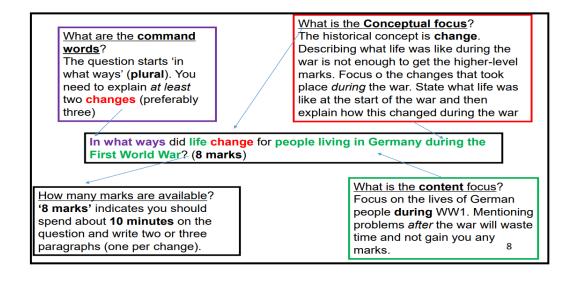
12.Compare and contrast or ponder on causes and effects considering big ideas and inquiries across long periods of time.

13. Students to develop their academic writing skills using advanced discourse markers for linking ideas, Use of the passive voice and Nominalisation.

When new terminology is introduced to students, the staff member/teacher will:

1. Identify & explicitly teach the relevant tier two and three vocabularies as part of the lesson. [Tier two words are commonly found in an academic book or exam paper, whereas tier three words are subject specific].

2. Take time to decode the terminology and enable students to make sense of the word in a historic context context especially at KS4 for example:



3. Use mini whiteboards to check spelling & understanding of keywords.

4. Embed choral responses to check for pronunciation & definitions.

5. Design purposeful literacy focused tasks to incorporate new terminology [concept car structure strips, comprehension tasks, use of words banks & extended writing tasks, DNA tasks].

6. Provide students with a *Vocabulary Collocations* when answering questions this will support the acquisition and embedding of history terminology required for students to answer the questions.

| History: Vocabulary Collocations | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|
| account | brief account, comprehensive account, historical account | | | | |
| affect | affect (the) development (of), affect (the) outcome, adversely affect, directly affect, severely affect, significantly affect, (be) directly affected | | | | |
| analyse | careful analysis, comparative analysis, conduct (an) analysis, critical analysis, detailed analysis, economic analysis, final analysis, full analysis, further analysis, historical analysis, qualitative analysis, quantitative analysis, statistical analysis, subsequent analysis, systematic analysis, textual analysis, thematic analysis, theoretical analysis, use (the) analysis, analytical approach, analytical tool | | | | |
| argument | compelling argument, counter argument, develop (an) argument, general argument, logical argument, main argument, make (an) argument, present (an) argument, similar argument, support (an) argument, valid argument | | | | |
| assess | assess (the) impact (of), assessment process, accurate assessment, make (an) assessment, risk assessment | | | | |
| brief | brief account, brief description, brief discussion, brief history, brief introduction, brief overview, brief period, brief review, brief summary, brief time, briefly describe, briefly discuss | | | | |
| capitalism | global capitalism, industrial capitalism, capitalist country, capitalist economy, capitalist society, capitalist system, capitalist world | | | | |
| causal | causal link, causal relation, causal relationship | | | | |
| cause | cause consequences, cause stress, major cause, underlying cause | | | | |
| change | change (an) attitude, change constantly, change dramatically, change rapidly, climate change, cultural change, demographic change, dramatic change, economic change, fundamental change, historical change, major change, minor change, radical change, significant change, structural change, technological change, environmental changes, changing attitudes, changing circumstances, changing nature, changing needs, changing pattern, changing world, ever changing, rapidly changing, remain unchanged | | | | |

7. Use the visualiser to model expectations for literacy tasks & provide feedback on student responses.

8. Provide timely feedback on spelling, grammar and writing structure.

9. Ensuring students are writing in history and able to explain through three key elements: **Purpose, Audience and Text Type** for example:

| Writing to explain in histo | bry | |
|---|---|---|
| to explain the ef | ctors or reasons that contribute fects or consequences of a situ er, other students | |
| Opening sentence | Example | Language features |
| describing the outcome or event (response to the | After the Battle of Hastings in 1066, William had to take | Past tense |
| question). May include the time frame. | control of England. | Tier 2 words to create formal tone: control , |
| Followed by a sentence indicating how the | There are differing explanations as to how this | achieved, factor |
| explanation will be organised and introducing | was achieved. One explanation is that | |
| the first reason or effect. | OR There were several factors that enabled him to do this. Firstly | |
| Each reason or effect is supported by evidence or examples. | William marched to London, burning the nearby countryside to intimidate people. As a result, the | Discourse markers signalling cause & effect: as a result , consequently |

10. Provide students with close reading in order to support them in their write up with the use of CUBE for example:

C Circle the command word(s)

U Underline key words (words that can be 'pinched' for the response such as Tier 2 words) **B Box** any tricky or subject-specific vocabulary (Tier 3 words)

E Eliminate the excess (the words you don't need to focus on)

How do we support SEND/EAL learners within history lessons?

The history teachers will need to adapt the curriculum for pupils with SEND by:

- Secure mental timeline using physical timelines.
- Use broad features of a period first.
- Repeat encounters.
- Use diagrams and models to support historical analysis.
- Provide stories and rich hinterland.

Monitoring and Evaluating this Policy:

The policy will be monitored through fortnightly developmental drop in's, lesson observations & through showcasing good departmental practice. Pupils' exercise books will be monitored by the SLT, TLR holders & the Head of Department during fortnightly QA visits and planned book scrutinies; with written and verbal feedback given to individual members of staff. Student feedback & views on embedding Literacy in Science will be sought during the annual student voice questionnaires.

Teaching Model:

What does a 'typical' lesson look like in your subject: Teaching and Learning in History:

Classroom environment is an important part for students learning to establish routine and culture in the lessons. Setting out expectations must be through a class pledge where it is clear and understandable.

The expectation is to have students write a class pledge or a class promise to share expectations for how they treat each other. This helps to create responsibility for the classroom, respect for self and others, and an understanding of the culture of the learner. It is a way to reinforce student responsibility in the classroom and a way to secure student buy-in. A class pledge or promise further increases how students are expected to treat each other and further enhances understanding of the class expectations.

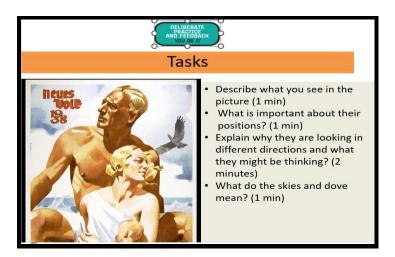
Example of what a history lesson would look like at Rockwood: Students settle into a silent **DO NOW** activity at the beginning of the lesson which assess prior knowledge or involves consolidation:



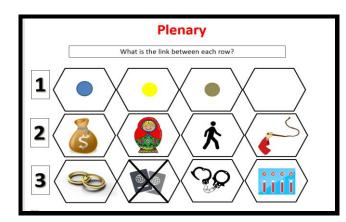
Students transition into an "I DO/ WE DO" part to the lesson where the teacher delivers new instruction/theory or ideas. This may be in different forms carried by key questions followed by a discussion and Q & A:

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|--|------------------------|------------|--------------------------------|
| Key Question | Tudors | Victorians | Read through |
| Would they have approved of John's quarrel with the Church? | | | the information |
| Would they have approved of John chasing after the wives and daughters of the barons? | | | and Victorian views of King |
| Would they have had sympathy for John when he lost his land in France? | | | John and answer the |
| John rarely asked the barons for advice. He thought that the King should make all the important decisions. Would they have thought that this was the right way to run the country? | | | questions in your grid. |

Students will then apply the skills they have acquired to a "YOU DO" activity progress task/assessment for learning (AfL)) task either independently (if instructed) or with their work partner. Feedback is provided where pupils will then self/peer assess in red pen.



Finally, students will end the lesson with a **Plenary task** which allows them to test their learned skills from the lesson. This will help further to strengthen and develop knowledge, understanding and application.



All lesson should be planned on the Rockwood lesson planning template, utilising the same format & incorporating teaching model icons as appropriate.

References

Content specific websites:

BBC Bitesize – <u>https://www.bbc.com/education</u> https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zk26n39

KS4:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zxjk4j6 https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/history/gcse https://www.youtube.com/c/HISTORY/playlists http://johndclare.net/ https://spartacus-educational.com/

Resources are divided by Exam (Paper One/Paper Two) and by Section. There are school-produced revision guides for the America and Conflict and Tension units. There are revision check sheets for all units.

There are a variety of revision activities to access. These are modified and added to on a regular basis.

Printed materials:

KS4: Revision guides – Available in school but also on-line AQA CGP GCSE Revision guide KS3: CGP KS3 Revision guide

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