

History GCSE

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What makes us different?

If you study History at Holy Family, you will become a part of our “decolonising the curriculum” movement. We believe that racism and inequality has always been a part of education and the curriculum you learn. The National Curriculum sounds like a neutral term – but in reality groups of people have hand selected what knowledge is important for children to learn and what knowledge is not.

We are concerned that the choices made have since the very beginning been designed to preserve those already in power leading to further racism, sexism and other forms of inequality.

Join us to uncover better, more interesting and deeper history.



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What will you study?

Topic	Medicine Through Time	Medicine and Injuries during World War One	Conflict in the Middle East	King Richard & King John	Weimar & Nazi Germany
Key Questions	Why is the biggest killer of people heart disease today when it used to be infectious diseases for thousands of years?	How did the British cope with horrendous illnesses during the First World War? Why are the roles of black soldiers fighting for the British so forgotten?	Why did Egypt, Israel and Palestine constantly fight wars after the Second World War?	Was King John the worst king in British history? Can the end of all powerful Kings and Queens be found in this period?	How could Hitler have been the most popular man in Germany? Was Germany unique or were Nazi ideas everywhere?
Assessments	Paper 1 Exam: sourcework, short-answer questions and long-answer questions		Paper 2 Exam: short-answer questions and long-answer questions		Paper 3 exam: sourcework, interpretations, short-answer questions and long-answer questions

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How will studying History help me?

Valuable skills

Studying History provides a student with skills including: how to construct an argument; how to communicate clearly in your writing and how to problem-solve.

WE need YOU to solve the world's problems

In order to make sense of what is going on today, it is important to study the past. If we don't how will we ever solve the problems of sexism, racism, homophobia, disablism, classism, Islamophobia and anti-Semitism?

History is an investment in your future

A GCSE in History is an impressive and attractive feature for your CV. Careers where History is useful include: archaeology, journalism, law, business and politics.

History allows us to learn from the past

If you are to look at human history there are particular patterns which tend to repeat themselves. For example, the role of power hungry leaders like Caesar, Hitler or even Trump. Humans have an astounding habit of ignoring the obvious.