

History OAP

This is our first termly History at Portland newsletter. We hope to keep you up to date with what your child will be learning in their History lessons any extra curricular opportunities.

What is History?

History means, in its simplest form: the past. However, it is also about what historians have actually written about the past. It provides us with a way to make sense of current affairs. The study of history is critically important, as everything which is happening around us has been influenced by, and is a direct result of, that which preceded it. In this way, the study of history is explicitly relevant to all of us.

What will my child be learning?

Year 7

How did society change by 1066?

This unit explores how society developed from Early Humans living at Creswell Crags to Anglo-Saxon times until 1066. Students will investigate how to use sources, and how Anglo-Saxon society was structured and the significance of Edward the Confessor's death.

Year 8

How did ideas about race develop?

Here, students will investigate how our attitudes towards race have changed, from the Tudor period until the height of the British Empire. This includes topics such as Black Tudors, Pocahontas and the Powhatans, and Tudor exploration.

Year 9

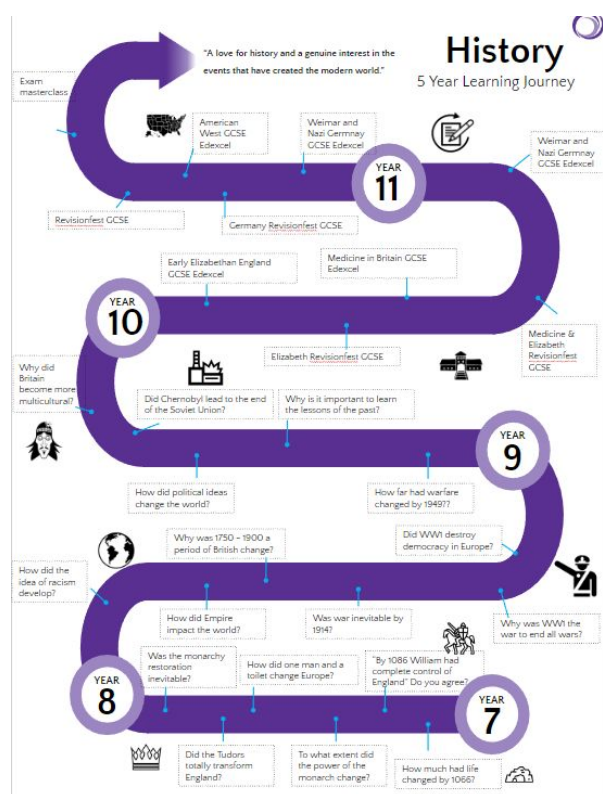
Why was 'Never Again' forgotten so soon?

Continuing our study of the 20th century, this unit will explore how different events caused the Second World War despite the efforts of the Allied powers to do so. Students will study the League of Nations, how Hitler broke the Treaty of Versailles and the impact of the Great Depression.

Year 10 GCSE

Early Elizabethan England 1558-1588

This GCSE topic will focus on the early period of Elizabeth I. This term will focus on 'Section A' and the beginning of 'Section B.' We will follow Elizabeth's journey on becoming queen in 1558, the problems she faced and how she overcame them. This features; religion, problems at home and abroad, poverty, Elizabethan society, and pastimes. Section B will explore Elizabeth's problems at home and abroad in more depth with Mary Queen of Scots being the main feature.



Contacting the department

We have an open door policy within the department – encourage your child to see their teacher with questions before school/after school, at break or lunchtime.

If you have any concerns or wish to talk further about how to support your child, please contact us:

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What will my child be learning?

Year 11 GCSE

Weimar and Nazi Germany 1918-1939

This topic has explored Hitler's rise to power and how he and the Nazi party, gained popularity and destroyed democracy. This term students have focused on how the Nazis gained popularity and how Hitler gained his Chancellorship. This includes the Great Depression, targeting voters and a political deal. Then, students have focused on how Hitler became a dictator, with events such as the Reichstag Fire, Night of the Long Knives and his use of propaganda and the police state to solidify this. Moving forward students will investigate how Hitler and the Nazis changed everyday life in Germany.



History Enrichment

Monday - Content Crush - Mr Leivars (S3)

Wednesday - Drop in - Miss Thorlby-coy (S5)

Friday - Exam Practice - Miss Lakin (S1)

Snacks and Treats provided!

"History will be written by the Victors." Winston Churchill



Revision tip:

Flash cards

Simply create with questions on one side and answers on the other. You can colour code them for different topics and quiz yourself or others.



What events are happening this Autumn?

Year 9 trip

Year 9s will visit the Imperial War Museum this November at Manchester.

Holocaust survivor visit

We are happy to announce we will be hosting and listening to a Holocaust survivor this autumn after hearing from Zigi last year.



How can I help?

Parental support is encouraged at all times and would typically include:

- Taking an active interest in the areas of study
- Watching historical television programmes and films with your child.
- Encouraging your child to read books, newspapers or internet articles relevant to the area of study.
- Helping your child to prepare for tests and to complete tasks on time.

Useful websites

history.outwood.com

This is the Outwood website. Here you can find ways to deepen and encourage an interest in KS3 history, as well as support with GCSE study. There are video tutorials, core knowledge and much more.

bbc.co.uk/bitesize

Great content for both Key Stage 3 and GCSE.

Go to <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z98jimp3> for GCSE. It has been updated with new content aimed directly at our specification. There are even quizzes at the end of each section so you can assess your level of understanding