

## HISTORY AT THE OPEN ACADEMY

Our school vision **“Courage in every step, faith in every journey”**

Our students will gain an awareness of how the study of History can help us to understand and interpret the past, and how this understanding can be applied to comprehend and analyse the modern world around us. Students will study a range of diverse topics based around key themes that will develop their historical knowledge of Britain and the wider world; their capacity to analyse historical sources and interpretations, and to consider their usefulness and reliability; and their ability to form, explain and justify opinions based on evidence. As part of this development, students will improve oral and written communication, and build the skills necessary to engage in discussion and debate in the classroom and beyond.

<b>RESPECT</b>	<b>ASPIRATION</b>	<b>PERSEVERANCE</b>
<p>Our students will show respect for the lives, experiences, hardships, and successes of a wide range of people from different nationalities, cultures, faiths, backgrounds, and time periods. They will respect and appreciate the freedoms, rights, and opportunities that they have today as a result of the struggles, persistence, and bravery shown by those in the past. They will respect that the skills they develop in History can be applied on an everyday basis in their current and future lives, studies, and careers.</p>	<p>Our students are exposed to a wide range of examples of incredible ingenuity, ambition, resilience, courage, and hope. This encourages them to reflect on their own strengths and potential, and to develop their sense of aspiration and the belief that they can succeed despite challenges. The nature of Historical debate promotes positive risk taking in constructing and testing arguments, which in turn creates an environment that encourages imagination, creativity, and individual aspiration.</p>	<p>Our students will study examples of great resilience and perseverance, often in the face of huge and terrible challenges. They will learn how the application of these values can lead to short-term and long-term change and success, and how these achievements have had a positive impact on our lives today. Students will consistently face high levels of challenge as a result of the complexity of the conceptual skills required by the subject, and due to the range and variety of possible interpretations and arguments available to them. With perseverance and support, they will learn to see challenge as positive and developmental.</p>
<b>SPIRITUALITY</b>	<b>GLOBAL CITIZENS</b>	<b>AWE AND WONDER</b>
<p>History provides an opportunity for students to explore questions of meaning, belief, and identity across time. Through studying diverse cultures and historical experiences, students are encouraged to reflect on their own values and consider the moral and ethical choices of individuals and societies. By engaging with themes such as conflict, justice, and human experience, History fosters thoughtful reflection and empathy. Students develop a deeper awareness of how beliefs have shaped the world, enabling them to form their own sense of purpose and understanding of the human condition.</p>	<p>The study of History equips students with the knowledge and perspective needed to become informed and responsible global citizens. By examining interconnected histories, diverse societies, and the impact of past events on the present, students gain an appreciation of cultural diversity and global interdependence. They are encouraged to think critically about issues such as power, inequality, and change, and to recognise their role within the wider world. Through this, students develop respect, tolerance, and a sense of responsibility to contribute positively to society.</p>	<p>History inspires awe and wonder by bringing to life the richness and complexity of the past. Through studying engaging narratives, remarkable individuals, and transformative events, students are encouraged to develop curiosity and a genuine fascination with how people lived, thought, and shaped their worlds. By encountering extraordinary achievements, challenges, and discoveries, students gain a sense of amazement at human resilience and creativity. This sense of wonder motivates deeper enquiry, helping students to appreciate the significance of the past and its enduring impact on the present.</p>