

At Key Stage 3, students study a variety of both British and International topics from Medieval England through to the late Twentieth century. This allows students to gain both a broad and varied understanding of the subject of History and the world around them. The KS3 curriculum also prepares students with introductions to topics that will be taught in more depth at GCSE.

These topics include:

Year 7:

Historical skills, the Romans, Medieval England, Native Americans and the Tudors (reformation)

Year 8:

The Tudors (poverty), the English Civil War, the Slave Trade, Democracy (suffrage) and World War One

Year 9:

Democracies and dictatorships, the causes of the Second World War, Nazi Germany, the Holocaust and Russia

At KS4 the OCR Schools History Project specification is followed. This involves 3 examinations covering the following 5 units:

- Crime and Punishment in Britain 1250 to today
- Elizabethan England
- History Around Us (Norwich Castle)
- Living under Nazi Rule 1933 to 1945
- The Making of the USA

Students also enjoy several extra-curricular opportunities through History at the Academy – residential trips to the Battlefields in France and Belgium and to Auschwitz, Poland are regular opportunities that students have benefitted from.

History is a popular and successful subject, with many GCSE students choosing to pursue it further at the Open Academy Sixth Form.