



A-Level History at NHGS



Our course offers a rare opportunity to study events almost up to the present day. You will study both medieval and modern history.

NHGS's unusual combination allows you to learn about an exciting, new period of history (*Crusades 1095-1204, Norman Conquest 1053-1106*), whilst also adopting a more media and social history focus on a previously studied era (*Britain 1884-2004*).

All external assessment comes at the end of Y13. You will do three papers involving source questions and essays.

In your Y13 coursework you become a 'real historian'; independently following your own lines of enquiry whilst still being supported. You will analyse, explain and evaluate the interpretations of three historians.

Results have been consistently very good.

- 2020 A*-C 87%, A*-B 54%, A*-A 34%, A* 7%
- 2019 A*-C 95%, A*-B 70%, A*-A 10%, A* 5%
- 2018 A*-C 100%, A*-B 62.5%, A*-A 18.8%
- 2017 A*-C 90%, A*-B 69%, A*-A 37%, A* 21%
- 2016 A*-C 94%, A*-B 61%, A*-A 26%, A* 19%

To prepare for taking A-Level History at NHGS we advise you to...

- ✓ Have a relaxing summer after all the hard work and stresses of your GCSEs and hence come back refreshed, enthusiastic and ready to work hard. However you might like to build up your overall understanding and enjoyment of History by doing some of the following...
- ✓ Watch History documentaries; both those associated with the topics you will study but also any that will help you think actively and make judgements.
- ✓ Read History non-fiction; two suggestions...
 - The Time Traveller's Guide to Medieval England: A Handbook for Visitors to the Fourteenth Century - Ian Mortimer
 - Curry: A Tale of Cooks and Conquerors - Lizzie Collingham
- ✓ Read Historical novels...
 - Birdsong - Sebastian Faulks (about WWI)
 - Fatherland - Robert Harris (Imagining Germany won WWII)
 - Narcissus and Goldmund - Hermann Hesse (Medieval 'Gap Year')
 - Maus - Graphic novel (Holocaust)
- ✓ Watch Historical films or series...
 - Vera Drake (role of women in 1950s Britain)
 - Downfall (German film about Hitler's last days)
 - Johnny Got His Gun (WWI)
- ✓ Visit Historical sites...
 - Richmond Castle (N. Yorks), International Slavery Museum (Liverpool), Royal Armouries (Leeds), Imperial War Museum North (Manchester)...
- ✓ Finally you could improve your understanding of History by researching your family history (use www.cwgc.org and www.ancestry.co.uk), subscribing to BBC History magazine, reading the papers and watching the news and relating current events to history, follow the great @nhgshistory...