



BEVERLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

THE HISTORY DEPARTMENT

The History department is a hard-working, dynamic group of teachers, who have a passion for teaching English. It is made up of three History Specialists, with the timetable being shared equitably between all members of the department. We are looking for someone who is eager to join our enthusiastic team.

History is taught in mixed ability form groups in the lower and upper school and the **Aims of the department include**

1. That students will develop a passion for reading History throughout their lives.
2. That students will take an active interest in politics and current affairs and will use their historical knowledge and skills to participate in and evaluate these areas.
3. That students will use their historical knowledge to enjoy more fully and evaluate more critically art, literature, music, film and television.
4. That students will use their historical knowledge and skills in a lifelong contemplation of the nature of right and wrong and the morality of actions and attitudes.
5. That students will use an appreciation of the breadth and depth of History and a balanced approach to it to have a measured and thoughtful approach to their own lives, the impact of people on them as well as the results of their actions and words on others.
6. That students learn skills of analysis, evaluation, writing and problem solving.

Our emphasis is very much that there are no right or wrong answers and that students should be given interesting and sometimes exciting opportunities to reflect on the past and the possibilities it presented.

The History department provides a wide variety of teaching and learning activities. These include extensive use of

- film,
- music,
- pictures and
- ICT and also involve
- games and role play

As a department we have access to:

- Two classrooms with interactive whiteboards and projectors.
- Interactive software which can be used by the whole class or by individuals carrying out research.
- A large number of lesson resources made by the department to facilitate groupwork.
- Textbooks to support all three key stages.
- The department regularly makes use of IT suites.

Exam courses involve the following:

Years 10 & 11:

- The USA and Vietnam 1955-75 (Examined in controlled coursework in Oct/Nov of Year 11).
- A New World: Terrorism since 1969/ The Iraq War of 2003.
- A New World and the Depth Study courses are examined in the June of Year 11 as is Britain 1890-1918.

Year 12:

- AS AQA courses
- Hitler, Anti-Semitism and the German People 1919-45
- Britain 1483-1530
- There is an exam for each course in June.

Year 13:

- A2
 - England 1154-1216
 - The American Frontier c1600-2009: Expansion, Freedom, Democracy and Identity in the USA.
 - An exam is sat in June for the former whilst students complete an Historical Enquiry coursework essay on the latter between Christmas and Easter.

The successful candidate will also be required to teach British Politics A Level.