

Department Information – History, Law, Politics Department

The Department comprises six full time and one part time specialists. At KS3, pupils have one double and one single lesson per week. Years 7 and 8 follow a thematic, skills based course in line with the new National Curriculum and the scheme of learning will move into Year 9 in September. At GCSE, students follow the AQA Syllabus A: 'Medicine Through Time' and 'Germany 1919 – 1945'. History is a popular choice and there are usually four GCSE groups. Results have been good and, for the past two years, our students have outperformed both similar and all AQA centres. At A Level, History is one of the largest subjects taught and there are usually over 40 girls at AS, taught in two groups. Students follow the AQA syllabus and study 'Britain 1483 – 1529' and 'Nazi Germany' at AS and 'The Age of Elizabeth' at A2, as well as American History coursework. Students are enthusiastic historians, retention rates are high and, most years, several girls go on to study History at prestigious universities.

Numbers studying Politics are growing and there are currently fifteen students in Year 12. Students study British and American Politics and attain good grades. Law is a popular subject at A Level and numbers are generally high. Students follow the OCR syllabus and study general principles of Law in Year 12 and Criminal Law in Year 13. Results are good at both AS and A2.

The Department teaches in five specialist rooms, four of which are in the Victorian listed building Westburn House. The Department has excellent resources and most staff have their own room.

A well qualified and enthusiastic teacher is required who is able to teach across all Key Stages. S/he must be able to teach A Level and be fully committed to teaching according to current historical initiatives.