

Our History Curriculum

Ark St Alban's Academy

Our Approach

The History curriculum teaches the knowledge and skills that pupils need to succeed both at school and beyond. It aims to address social disadvantage by empowering pupils with access to information about the past and the world around them. The curriculum is sequenced chronologically, building on core knowledge and developing skills over time and prioritises the development of literacy. The content of the KS3 History curriculum is as broad as, and goes beyond, the National Curriculum. It covers a breadth of topics, but considers each in depth to allow pupils identify change and continuing and key turning points. Pupils build their historical skills across the curriculum, first focusing on change and continuity, and then introducing evaluation of sources and considering different interpretations of history.

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Curriculum Map

KS3	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 7	How did World Views in 1000 AD differ?	How did the Normans change England?	How did Mansa Musa lead the Mali Empire?	What was the impact of the Black Death on society?	Why did the Reformation happen?	How did European imperialism begin?
Year 8	Why did the Mughal and Benin empires emerge in the 15th century?	How did the English Civil War affect people?	What was the impact of early British imperialism on indigenous communities?	Why did the Enlightenment happen?	What impact the industrial revolution have on working people?	How was slavery abolished?
Year 9	Why did World War I break out in 1914, and what was its impact on Britain and the world?	How did Europe change between World War I and World War II?	Why did World War II break out in 1939 and how did it end in Allied victory?	Why the Holocaust happen?	Why did the British Empire disintegrate and how were former colonies impacted?	How did post-War Britain society change?

KS4	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 10	What led to progress in the Civil Rights movement in 1960s and 70s America?	Why did the USA go to war in Vietnam and what was the impact?	What were the origins of the Cold War and what was the impact on Superpower Relations?	How were Cold War Superpower tensions resolved?	How did Henry VIII govern between 1509 and 1529?	How did Thomas Cromwell change religion and society in England?
Year 11	Why did definitions of crime and treatment of criminals change over time?	What was society like in Whitechapel in the 1880s?	Revision	Revision		

KS5	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 12	How was political control exerted over the Soviet Union between 1917 and 1985?	How was economic control exerted over the Soviet Union and its society between 1917 and 1985?	How far do historians allow us to understand why the USSR dissolved in 1991?	How was political and economic control exerted over China between 1949 and 1975?	How did the Cultural Revolution change society in Mao's China?	Why did the Sino-Soviet split occur?
Year 13	Why did rebellion challenge Tudor authority under Henry VII, Henry VIII and Edward VI?	Why did rebellion challenge Tudor authority under Elizabeth I?	How did Tudor government change between 1485 and 1603?	Revision		