

The Humanities Faculty (History)

Eaton Bank Academy

Profile of the Faculty

Eaton Bank Humanities Faculty is a team of well-qualified, highly experienced and motivated teachers, which is made up of the following subjects; Geography, History and Philosophy, Religion & Ethics. It is a successful faculty, with a proven history of impressive examination success. The team are a friendly, approachable and committed group of professionals, working together in a mutually supportive environment to move teaching and learning forward, through a wide range of strategies, initiatives and innovations.

What we are proud of in Humanities:

- The effective teamwork and mutual support within the department.
- The high standard of learning and teaching within the department.
- The extensive range of creative, engaging and challenging experiences we offer our students.
- The enthusiasm for Geography, History and PRE (Philosophy & Religious Education) that is reflected in the high uptake at GCSE and A-Level.
- The happy, supportive and safe environment we provide for our students.
- The positive work ethic of both staff and students who consistently deliver outstanding examination results.
- Our willingness to adapt to change.

The History Curriculum

History at Key Stage 3

Key Stage 3 runs during years 7, 8 and 9 and students follow the National Curriculum. Topics change regularly as we aim to keep the learning fresh and up to date. Currently, our Key Stage 3 curriculum is as follows:

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Autumn 1	Invaders pre-1066 & Historical Skills	Stuart England: Crown & Conflict	World War 2
Autumn 2	1066 & the Norman Conquest	The Transatlantic Slave Trade	The Holocaust
Spring 1	Life in the Middle Ages	Britain: 1750-1900	The Making of Modern Britain
Spring 2	The Black Death & Peasants' Revolt	World War 1	Wider World Study: India
Summer 1	Religion and Power in Tudor England	World War 1 (continued) & USA in the 1920s	Thematic Study: Women
Summer 2	Tudors (continued) & Age of Exploration	USA in the 1920s & 1930s	Introduction to GCSE History

Students will have three periods (each 1 hour) over a two-week timetable. Students complete half-termly assessments, along with end of year exams.

History at Key Stage 4

History is a popular option subject in the school at GCSE. GCSE is run over 2 years from Year 10 to Year 11, with students having 5 periods per fortnight.

Students follow the AQA GCSE option (8145GB). The course consists of two papers, including the following components:

Paper 1: Understanding the Modern World

Section A: Germany 1890-1945: Democracy and Dictatorship

Section B: Conflict & Tension, the Inter-War Years: 1918-1939

Paper 2: Shaping the Nation

Section A: Britain - Health & The People: c.1000 to the present day

Section B: Norman England, c. 1066 - 1100

Information about all of these modules can be found at the following link:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/history/gcse/history-8145>

History at Key Stage 5

History is also very popular and successful subject at A Level, with several students leaving to study the subject at university. Students follow the OCR A-Level Course (H505), completing the following four components, with 9 periods per fortnight:

Unit 1 – England: 1485-1558, The Early Tudors

Unit 2 – The USA in the 19th Century: Westward Expansion and Civil War, 1803-c.1890

Unit 3 – Russia and its Rulers: 1855 - 1964

Unit 4 – 3,000-4,000 word topic based essay.

Further information about each component of our A-Level course can be found at the following link: <https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/as-and-a-level/history-a-h105-h505-from-2015/>

Accommodation

The Humanities Faculty is located across one floor of the Science and Humanities building in seven designated classrooms, all of which have provision to display a range of pupils' work, visualisers for modelling, walled whiteboards to develop thinking and interactive whiteboards. We have a large office / Humanities staff room where ideas, concerns and social chat can be shared readily!

Extra-curricular

The department encourages and appreciates the value of extra-curricular and extension opportunities including GCSE/A level revision classes. The faculty has run multiple trips to support students' experiences of the Humanities subjects beyond the classroom, there has previously been a Normandy trip focussing on WW2. In October 2024 Humanities staff are taking students to Iceland.