



## **History Department Information**

This is a lively and thriving department within the school. The team takes a collegiate approach to developing high quality teaching and learning and the successful candidate will have the opportunity to teach and contribute to new initiatives across the key stages.

The History department is currently one of the largest in terms of student numbers and has excellent uptake for GCSE History. The aim of creating compelling learning experiences drives the department. There are visits to the World War One Battlefields and the Sixth Form visit Berlin. The History department has good links with the University of Sussex History faculty who conduct guest lectures for Sixth Form students.

History is taught as a discrete subject at Cardinal Newman Catholic School throughout all key stages. At Key Stage 3 teaching is organised by mixed ability groups. Students follow a course which combines chronological overview with depth and thematic studies in a highly engaging and dynamic programme of study.

Over recent years, the department has been very successful at recruiting students into GCSE. There are currently c200 students studying History in Year 10 this year, approximately two-thirds of the year group. We have a further 10 groups in Y11. Y11 currently study the Edexcel SHP course while Y10 are studying the reformed GCSE with units on the American West, Medicine through time, Henry VIII and his ministers and Weimar & Nazi Germany.

A-Level History is also a very successful option across Year 12 and Year 13. The current A Level course is the Edexcel specification, covering Russia 1894-1924, The Stuarts, Germany 1871-1991 and coursework on the US Civil Rights movement. As well as gaining high grades, many students have gone on to study History at degree level, including two students who have secured places at Oxford University.

The History department occupies half of the top floor of St. Mary's Building and comprises four classrooms and a resources office. This provides workspace for each member of the Department, as well as being a meeting place and social area. Each classroom is well-equipped, with interactive whiteboards in every room.

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