

History at Weston Secondary School

What is History?

History is the study of change over time and it covers the lives of people and past events. The focus is on many aspects that include political, social, economic, religious and military developments. History is also a set of skills and processes that allow people to study the past and draw conclusions. These include chronology, analysing historical sources and interpretations and identifying changes and continuities.

What is included in a History lesson?

Students are encouraged to reach their own judgments about the past by applying different skills and processes. These skills and processes are explicitly taught at the start of Year 7 and are developed throughout the year whilst studying history. Students will be using historical sources and interpretations and will regularly use evidence / information to develop their knowledge. This may be in the form of written text, images and videos. Sometimes the students will work independently, sometimes in pairs and groups. Written work will be used, but students will also be encouraged to join in class discussions to demonstrate their understanding.

What have Year 7 been looking at during Autumn term?

Students start the year with a quick introduction to what is history and the skills and process that will be used in the upcoming lessons. Focus will be on chronology, using historical sources and change and continuity.

Once students have begun to develop these skills they then start to study the Medieval Times. The focus is on Norman England looking at the lives of the people, the powers of the church and king and finishing with pestilence.

Topics include:

- Battle of Hastings
- Norman England
- Life as a peasant
- Town life
- Role of the church