

# History at The Ridgeway School

History is a very popular subject throughout all Key Stages. Students are encouraged to think independently; draw their own conclusions and gain a firm understanding of British and World History from 1066 through to the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century. The History department continually re-evaluates the methods and content of the lessons that they teach, to tailor it to the individual preferences of pupils and teacher. The outline below is a basic overview of the topics covered.

Work is assessed through marking of books and assessments at various points throughout the year. Some work will be levelled according to the NC, whereas other pieces may receive encouraging and targeted comments, without levels. This is because evidence suggests that students can focus too much on a level, which can sometimes be dispiriting, and ignore the steps offered to help them improve. Our aim is to get the best out of our pupils, without constantly limiting them to a number.

## KS3:

*Year 7 (includes Learning to Learn):*

What is History?  
The Middle Ages  
The Tudors

*Year 8 (includes Learning to Learn):*

The Stuarts  
The Industrial Revolution

*Year 9:*

20<sup>th</sup> Century Warfare: WW1, WW2 & The Cold War

## KS4:

Nazi Germany  
The Assassination of JFK (coursework)  
Medicine Through Time

## KS5:

*Year 12:*

Tsarist Russia through to Stalin – 100 year study  
Britain & Ireland, 1867-1922 – source paper

*Year 13:*

The English Civil War  
American Civil Rights (Independent study option)