

Curriculum Intent 2025-2026

History Department



Our Ethos

Explain the principles behind your department's curriculum – i.e. how will your subject impact on pupils:

As History teachers we believe it is important that all students are supported and challenged to make outstanding progress through engaging and meaningful historical experiences. We have the privilege of being able to develop students' passion for and love of History, through engaging lessons and interesting enrichment opportunities. Our students are encouraged to be curious, reflective and independent thinkers. We have the responsibility to prepare students for the world of employment and to be active and informed citizens. Students develop transferable skills, such as the ability to justify their opinion and consider the viewpoints of others, which will enable them to thrive in the modern world. We will focus on the importance of local, British and world history and the important place of history in understanding the wider world. We hope this enables students to find their place in the world; inspire curiosity to know more about the past and ask perceptive questions. They will also develop an understanding of a wide range of historical topics, enabling them to develop the cultural capital that will support them in leading successful and happy lives. We aim for students to understand the complexities of other people's lives, the process of change, the diversity of societies and relationships between different groups, as well as their own identity and the challenges of their time. We aim for all pupils to gain a historical perspective by placing their growing knowledge into different contexts.

Our Aims

5 Year Plan

Give an overview of what your curriculum will achieve (in the classroom and through enrichment opportunities):

By the time pupils complete their studying of History at Ecclesfield School, they will be able to evaluate a range of viewpoints, make supported judgements and critically evaluate a range of sources. Pupils will have been given the opportunity to explore a wide range of historical topics and time periods; developing a broad knowledge of varying aspects of the past. Pupils will also have experienced a varied range of optional enrichment opportunities, such as experiencing Medieval life at Conisbrough Castle, and understanding the value of History where its study can take them post-16 through university visits and presentations.

Skills

List the main skills pupils will learn and develop over the curriculum:

- To demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the key features of a range of historical periods.
- To explain and analyse historical events and periods.
- To analyse and evaluate sources and interpretations to make supported judgements.
- To use valid criteria to justify why events are significant.
- To analyse the extent of change or continuity over time.

Knowledge

List the main subject knowledge pupils will learn and develop over the curriculum:

- Pupils will know a wide range of subject specific vocabulary and be able to use it accurately.
- Pupils will have study a range of historical events and be able to put them in their wider context.
- Pupils will know the key features of a range of historical developments / periods.

Work Hard | Be Kind | Aim High | Show GRIT