

Key Stage 4 – History overview Year 11
OCR General Certificate of Secondary Education in History. Pupils undertake a development study based on Medicine and Health Through Time and an in depth study about the American West 1840-1895. Pupils also have to complete one Controlled Assessment based on History Around Us. This constitutes 25% of the final GCSE examination mark.
Autumn Term 1: Castles Year 11 pupils complete preparatory work for their CA. They discover why castles were developed and look at how they changed over time. Pupils take part in a visit to Kenilworth castle in support of their assignment.
Autumn Term 2: Castles Pupils prepare and complete their coursework during this half term. The final write up is worth 25% of their final mark and is completed in controlled exam conditions.
Spring Term 1: The American West Pupils study the ‘American West’ between 1840-1895. This is part as their in depth study where they discover about the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The settlement of the west• Law and order• Conflict on the Plains
Spring Term 2: The American West As above
Summer Term 1: Revision
Summer Term 2: Revision and exams
How you can support your child at home: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide the tools for homework and revision – a quiet space, a ‘workbox’ of pens, paper and other necessities.• Make sure that you check your child’s planner each night to see what homework has been set and when it is due in.• Ask your child if they need any help getting organised.• Limit the time your child spends watching TV or on the internet, using a games console or messaging on their phone.• Agree the rules for homework or revision together (they won’t work if they’re imposed), helping them to make a realistic timetable, balancing work against the ‘fun stuff’, be willing to review the plans as necessary• Encourage the reading of historical texts• Encourage the watching of programmes on historical topics