



# History



**In Year 8 students focus on the following topics.**

## **Industry and empire: Britain, 1745-1901**

In this study students learn about the British Empire combined with the impact of the Industrial Revolution on lives in Britain. This involves an in-depth study on India. Students will then focus on nineteenth century living and working conditions, before moving on to Britain's role in the Slave Trade. Starting with the civilised nature of African society students trace the large scale movement of people in the slave trade, the horrors of the middle passage, the culture developed by slaves and the fight for freedom and equality over 400 years.

## **Challenges for Britain, Europe and the wider world 1901 to the present day**

Here students will focus on the First World War. Students will consider the causes of the Great War and will address such questions as 'What were the trenches really like?' and 'Why did some men refuse to fight?' The topic then extends further into an investigation into why women got the vote in 1918.

### **'The Rise of Hitler'**

Students will carry out an in-depth study of Hitler's rise to power in Germany in 1933. They will consider the Treaty of Versailles, the development of the Nazi party in the 1920s, the Great Depression, how Hitler was able to become leader of Germany and ultimately the outbreak of World War Two .

In terms of supporting youngsters at home we always ask that parents/carers sign and discuss though the points raised on students assessments sheets following assessed pieces of work.

## **Civil Rights: 1920s and onwards**

At the end of Year 8 students examine how far Civil Rights have been achieved for Black people in the modern day. This study will focus on issues such as lynching in the 1920s, the civil rights movement led by Martin Luther King in the 1960s and the extent of racism today.

## **How to support your child**

Parents are able to support their child by accessing the 'Year 8' section which can be found on the History section of the Learning Platform. This contains a list of all topics covered in class, including supporting Power-points. All assessments can also be accessed here including mark schemes. This can be used as a stimulus for parents to extend their knowledge further in order to support their child at home. For the first time this year, our Year 8 students will be attempting GCSE style questions, in anticipation of them studying GCSE History in Year 10.