Tuition, Medical and Behaviour Support Service

Curriculum Policy

History

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Pupils will have the opportunity to engage with learning about history throughout KS3 and KS4

History helps to develop an understanding of society and may give pupils an increased awareness of their rights and responsibilities.

Many pupils enjoy history and are able to relate recent history to events in the lives of family members. The opportunity to participate in researching local history will contribute to the pupils’ understanding of their local environment.

A study of history may help to develop transferable skills e.g. research skills, literacy skills, which are relevant to a range of FE and job opportunities.

**Aims and Objectives**

TMBSS is working towards meeting the requirements of the National Curriculum Key Stage 3 History Programme of Study as described in the following document:


At KS4 the aim is to create independent learners, critical thinkers and decision-makers – providing progression to higher education and/or the workplace through the use of examination specifications. Along the way the objective is to encourage an enthusiasm and enjoyment for learning about the past and ultimately an understanding of our present and future.

**Key Stage 3**

Pupils will study topics consistent with National Curriculum guidance. Topics are divided into modules rather than terms as pupils may be referred throughout the year and may start at different stages. Reference should be made to National Curriculum guidance on the Standards Site for the most recent information on the history curriculum.

**Key Stage 4**

History is an option at KS4. Pupils choosing History may be guided in taking Entry Level or GCSE, in history. TMBSS pupils will be taught according to the Edexcel examination syllabus or continue with a history programme from their home school if taking examinations as a transferred candidate. Teachers should refer to the appropriate examination specification, and consult the Co-ordinator for further information.
GCSE HISTORY

(9-1 History)
British Thematic Study with Historic Environment (Medicine in Britain 1250-present and the Western Front)
Modern depth study (Germany 1918-39)
Anglo-Saxon and Norman England c1060-1088
Superpower Relations and the Cold War, 1941-1991
3 terminal examinations.

Methodology

History is delivered both on an individual basis and in Education Centres with small groups. Advice on the history curriculum is available from a subject specialist, and a teacher specialising in History is timetabled to deliver this subject at GCSE to pupils in Oswestry.

History is divided into modules of study in line with National Curriculum / examination specification. The modules will be selected to meet the needs and interests of the pupils, and will take into account the pupils' educational plans, for example, modules can be selected to coincide with teaching at the pupil's mainstream school.

The programme may be linked to other subjects, e.g. English language and literacy, mathematics (use of data), geography and art. The role that History can play in enhancing Literacy across the curriculum is acknowledged. Where possible, pupils will be encouraged to make positive use of the cross-curricular links to enhance their understanding. History also makes a significant contribution to SMSC and the teaching of British values.

At an appropriate stage of the course, depending on date / year of referral, pupils may also be required to undertake a fieldwork study of a local area.

Assessment

Pupils will be encouraged to make their own decisions, plan, investigate, record and review their own work. Pupils will participate in discussion, written work, project work and short assessments.
KS3 pupils will produce work which will be assessed according to national curriculum criteria using the TMBSS marking policy.

Pupils will be assessed as appropriate at the end of Units of Work and / or for the Entry Level / GCSE examination.

**Resources**

Books, videos and other materials are available on all history topics from the Schools Library Service.

Additional resources may be obtained from the Shropshire Archives, Libraries and Museums Service, local museums and on-line information.

For KS4 recommended text books and teacher resources, please see the Programme of Study.