

History

The History curriculum at Ark Soane aims to ensure that students are better able to understand the past, enabling them to participate in educated discourse around the discipline. This in turn will enable them to participate in the various social and political worlds that exist within society. The curriculum achieves this by ensuring that students not only have broad and strong substantive knowledge – a coherent picture of the past – but also understanding of the discipline of history.

Students will study a coherent, chronological narrative of British history, as well as significant aspects of world history. Since the past is diverse, students will also study a diverse past: a broad range of human experiences and perspectives in diverse settings that take students into the unfamiliar, broadening their experience and horizons by giving them knowledge of communities distant from their own. The knowledge students gain from this study will not only help students to build a strong sense of the past, but also will transform how they see the world, helping them to interpret all that they hear, see, or read.

At GCSE, students will follow the Edexcel course. As part of this, students will study the Norman Conquest, the history of medicine, Weimar and Nazi Germany and the Cold War.

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 7	World views in c.1000	Contested power, contested land (11 th and 12 th centuries)	Empires: expansion and collapse (13 th century)	Stability and instability (14 th and 15 th centuries)	Religious revolution and resistance in the 16 th century	Silver and gold
Year 8	Emerging empires in c.1600	The British Isles in the 17 th century	Expanding empires	The Enlightenment and French Revolution	Industrial Revolution	19 th century political reform
Year 9	The First World War	Russian Revolution and interwar Europe	Second World War and the Holocaust	Decolonisation	Campaigns for Civil Rights	Post-war Britain
Year 10	Norman Conquest		History of Medicine		Weimar and Nazi Germany	
Year 11	The Cold War		Revision		Revision	
Year 12*	The Cold War in Europe			Popular culture and the witchcraze of the 16 th and 17 th centuries		
Year 13*	England 1485-1558: The Early Tudors					