

History Autumn 2023 Newsletter

Dear Families,

Please find below a summary of what is happening in our history classrooms this term! For a general overview of KS3 & KS4, please see [this link](#) for information. Any queries please do not hesitate to contact us at cedwards@oathall.org, Mrs Edwards (Subject Lead), Mr Hastings, Miss Quinnell, Mrs Holmes and Mrs Arlington

What's happening this term?

Black History Month- At Oathall our curriculum reflects the diversity of Britain's history throughout Years 7-9. In addition, this October students will be researching a range of Black British individuals whose stories are not otherwise covered in our other units. We will also be marking the 75th anniversary of Windrush.

Remembrance- this November will see a range of activities in assembly, tutor times and in Year 9 classrooms to commemorate those who have died in conflict.

Year 7

Welcome to history at Oathall! Your topics for this term are:

- How to become a historian
- How did William win the Battle of Hastings
- How did William take control of England?
- Can we solve the mystery of the death of William Rufus?

Assessments (one each half term):

1. How do we assess significance in history?
2. Was William's good leadership the main reason he won in 1066?

Year 8

Time to continue your study of how Britain became the country it is. Topics this term include:

- Events of the 1600s (including the Gunpowder Plot and the English Civil War)
- The British Empire: causes, events, decline and a study of how should it be remembered.

Assessments:

1. Interpretations on Oliver Cromwell using historical sources
2. What can we learn about the slave trade from the accounts of Olaudah Equiano?

Year 9

Continuing our study of the twentieth century, this term's focus will be World War One:

- How did WW1 start?
- What was life like in the trenches?
- How was WW1 a global war?
- What are the different interpretations of the Battle of the Somme?

Assessments:

1. The significance of new weapons and technology in the trenches
2. How useful are the historical sources about the Battle of the Somme?

Year 10

Welcome to GCSE History! This term you will be continuing your study of the USA 1920s-70s:

- 1930s: the New Deal
- 1940s: USA in WW2 and after
- 1950s: economy, entertainment (TV and rock n roll), the civil rights movement
- 1960s: the civil rights movement continued, presidencies of Kennedy and Johnson, the feminist movement.

We will also begin the next unit- Health and the People in November.

Assessments: 1920s knowledge test, New Deal interpretations, analysis of Kennedy and Johnson, overall 1920-1973 knowledge test. Plus 2 additional exam questions to complete at home.

Year 11

Congratulations to our Year 11s for their achievements so far and here's to a successful year. Our aims this term:

- Complete the Health and the People c1000- present day unit.
- Begin your final unit on Elizabeth I.
- Prepare for our November mock exams. Students have been issued school produced booklets for their 3 units so far and weekly homeworks will help them structure their revision.

Assessments:

- Sept/ Oct: 8 mark question on Robert Koch, 16 mark question on surgery**
Nov: 2 mock exams for which students will need to revise the USA and Cold War (Paper 1) units entirely plus selected topics from the Health unit (Paper 2).