

More Able in History



KS3

All students will be invited to half termly meetings held after school in one of the schools ICT suites. At these meetings students will be introduced to and be able to work on, the More Able materials available through the department. Alternatively, they can pursue, with guidance, their own historical enquiry and interests.

We then encourage pupils to continue and submit these projects in their own time. They will be marked and where possible one-to-one feedback will be provided.

The projects have been carefully designed to target the key skills required not just for GCSE but also, relevantly pitched, for A-Level. These include: Evaluation, Synthesis, Explanation, Analysis and Interpretation.

All material for the relevant year groups can be found on the school's VLE, in the history area. The password is CLEVER followed by the number of the year each pupil is currently in, e.g. CLEVER7.

Useful websites:

- [National Archives](#)
- [BBC History](#)
- [The History Learning Site](#)



KS4

At KS4, all Historians are offered the chance to come and participate in History Film Club. These sessions work by engaging students in an advanced historical idea and testing this by comparing its portrayal in film vs. its portrayal in either literature or academic writing. Seminars then give students a chance to discuss, argue and think through their ideas with other like-minded historians.

KS5

A-Level courses come with a full extended reading list that pupils are encouraged to engage with. Often these texts represent the forefront of historical thinking and offer all students the chance to critically engage in academic history – a unique opportunity that will prepare them for future study at University, regardless of their final subject choices.

Students will also be notified of free public lectures and workshops run by the University of Reading, giving them an insight in to the level and realities of studying History at a HE establishment.

“History with its flickering lamp stumbles along the trail of the past, trying to reconstruct its scenes, to revive its echoes, and kindle with pale gleams the passion of former days”.

Sir Winston Churchill