



RAMSEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL - HISTORY DEPARTMENT

KS3 - YEAR NINE

At RGS we explore four topic areas in Year Nine with an aim of building on previous work. In particular we aim to give students a sense of empathy and get them to put themselves in the shoes of people in the past and question why they made certain choices and decisions. We also prepare students for the future by making links to IGCSE as often as possible. At every opportunity we include Manx history in the syllabus and realise the importance of using History as an additional tool in a students English studies.



World War One

Our World War One unit explores two questions “was the war a Total War” and ‘Were British soldiers “Lions led by donkeys”’. The unit looks at the political, economic and social impact of the war along with issues such as What was the cause of the war? What were key battles? What was life like in the trenches? We also look at the impact of the war on women and look at punishments, wounds and stories of ethnic minorities. Importantly, we look at the role of the Isle of Man in World War one.

Assessments - What were the causes of WWI? & Why did some women get the vote in 1918?



Between the Wars

This unit looks at the reasons World War Two started and asked could Hitler have been stopped. It also looks at seismic events such as the Russian revolution and the Treaty of Versailles. We try to empathise with young Germans in the period and contrast with the experiences of German jews. We look at the differences between democracy, fascism and communism and how different nations struggled with the affects of the Great War.

World War Two

This unit looks at the impact of World War Two on Britain and the Isle of Man in particular. We will look at key events such as Dunkirk, the Battle of Britain and D Day. We look at the impact of war on ordinary people by looking at the Blitz, the war in the East, the Holocaust and the Atom Bomb. We also focus on the twenty-eight ex-RGS boys who died in the war.

Assessment - Tell Me Project, Interpretations, End of Year Exam,

Post War - 1960s

Our Post war unit prepares students for next year when they will study the Cold War as part of their IGCSE studies. Students will study key events of the 1960s such as the Cuban Missile Crisis, the assassination of JFK, Segregation in the USA, the Space Race and of course England's World Cup win in 1966.

