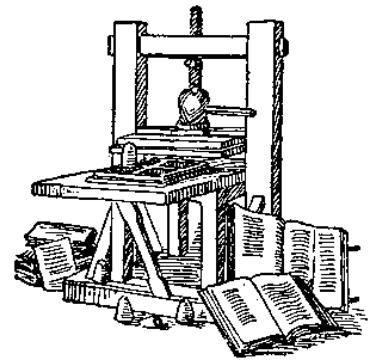




RAMSEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL - HISTORY DEPARTMENT

KS3 - YEAR SEVEN.

At RGS we explore three topic areas in Year Seven with an aim of helping students understand key historical concepts and how to use them, understand historical terms and to simply be aware of why studying the past helps students prepare for the future. At every opportunity we include Manx history in the syllabus and realise the importance of using History as an additional tool in a student's English studies.



Term 1 - Discoveries

Our Discoveries unit is a development study and explores history from Neolithic peoples through to the space-race and computers. In between we look at key events and people such as Alexander the Great and the Pagan Lady, the developments of printing and flight and the key events in human history. Students will discuss concepts and ideas using P4C (philosophy for children) and text analysis, as developed in New Zealand. Students will be introduced to key terms such as chronology and will learn inference skills.



Assessments - *Who was the Pagan Lady? & History Heroes.*



Term 2 - The Romans

Our Romans unit asks the question "were the Romans really civilised?" To answer this question we will look at ideas about democracy and Empire, along with day-to-day life, public health, the army and what they did for entertainment. We also look at key individuals such as Hannibal, Julius Caesar and of course Boudica. We will also try to answer that age-old question 'what did the Roman Empire do for us?' Students will have the opportunity to study about Pompeii in depth.

Assessments - *Gladiators - Were Romans really civilised? & Roman Museum Exhibit.*

Term 3 - The Middle Ages

Our Middle Ages unit explores how life was "short, violent and hard?" To answer this question we look at the life of a peasant, castles, religion, warfare including the Crusades and the Black Death among other things. We also look at key individuals such as William I, Thomas Becket and Eleanor of Aquitaine. Students will build on earlier work and will learn about the concept of primary and secondary sources and will use ACORN to analyse primary sources.

Assessments - *Becket & Henry II? & Middle Ages Rollercoaster.*

