



CHRIST'S COLLEGE, SUNDERLAND

Emmanuel Schools Foundation

History Intent Statement

Ethos

The key implication of a Christian world view for the interpretation of History is to be aware of the interaction between God and His people. Students will come to understand both the loving and wayward behaviours of humanity, mankind's role in stewardship; mankind's fallibility and tendencies; and the interpretation of patterns of blessing and adversity.

Curriculum

At Christ's College, we believe History is a subject in which students will learn a coherent and chronological understanding of past events and key individuals within a local, national and international context. This, in turn, enables students to understand and appreciate their own identity and heritage. We value our local links and History teaches students about the importance of their local area, and students will come to appreciate the significance of Sunderland and the North East in shaping our nation's traditions, values and heritage. Furthermore, students will, in time, come to discover how our locality, and nation, played its role in global historical events.

Community

Students of History will develop a sense of empathy with the past and develop an understanding of how historical events and individuals shaped the modern world. The study of contemporary and secondary sources, and historical interpretations, will enable students to draw inferences about what life was like for previous generations; rigorously analyse evidence to challenge historical claims; develop and articulate mature, sophisticated and balanced arguments; and consider other points of view and arguments. Furthermore, History students will gain a key understanding of concepts such as continuity and change, cause and consequence, similarity, difference and significance. Through these concepts, students will understand how to frame historical questions and enquiries, and thus appreciate how historians understand, interpret and make sense of the past.

Character

By studying History, in addition to developing a passion for the past, students will be able to learn from the mistakes of the past, so that they are not repeated, and appreciate how History has impacted upon and shaped the modern world. Studying History will also equip students with sophisticated and ambitious historiographical vocabulary; a detailed working knowledge of past events and individuals, and the skills to debate and articulate different points of view. All of these will, in turn, enable students to develop and flourish as citizens of the modern world.