

## Welcome to the History Department



## History at Lawnswood School is a vibrant, lively and successful subject!

- All students study History in Key Stage 3. In year 7, 8 and 9 there are three lessons each fortnight (plus Home Learning tasks).
- History is taught by an experienced, skilled and professional group of history specialists who prepare students for GCSE, A Level and beyond.
- The History Department uses a wide range of teaching methods: discussions and debate, group work, presentations etc. We act out events, build castles, develop arguments, debate and explain controversial ideas in extended writing.
- Our students find out about everything from why Harold lost the Battle of Hastings and how medieval people went to the toilet, to why Russia and America have such a bad relationship!
- Students study themes and key questions like 'How should we remember the 5<sup>th</sup> of November?', 'What lay behind the horrors of the slave trade?' and 'Why did one murder cause war in 1914?'
- We help students to develop important skills, developing knowledge, understanding and key concepts, as well as how to use evidence and understand different interpretations.
- We provide a welcoming, supportive, caring and challenging atmosphere for students, and do our best to help them achieve good progress, along with a lifelong enthusiasm for history.

