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MORE THAN A SUBJECT

History at Selborne is more than learning about the past, it is about forming young men who think clearly, judge wisely, and lead responsibly. Boys learn that ideas and decisions shape societies, and that leadership carries consequences.

History develops disciplined thinking. Learners analyse evidence, weigh arguments, and draw reasoned conclusions. In a world filled with misinformation, they are trained to question, evaluate reliability, and think independently.

Ultimately, History shapes thoughtful, principled, articulate young men prepared to engage confidently with the modern world.



THE SELBORNE APPROACH

History is taught with energy, relevance, and academic rigour. Lessons are interactive and skills-driven, combining storytelling, structured source analysis, debate, discussion, multimedia, and guided writing practice. Boys are encouraged to question, think critically, and engage actively.

The focus is always on:

- Clear thinking
- Structured writing
- Evidence-based argument
- Examination excellence

We teach both content and method, ensuring boys understand not just what happened, but how to think about it.



EXCELLENCE IN ACTION

Selborne College has a proud tradition of excellence in the National Senior Certificate (NSC) examinations, consistently producing a strong cohort of top-performing candidates each year. This success reflects:

- Rigorous academic standards and high expectations
- Structured and strategic exam preparation
- Focused development of essay-writing and analytical skills
- Strong, supportive relationships between teachers and learners

Together, these elements ensure that Selbornians leave school academically confident, well-prepared, and ready to pursue their next stage of study or career.

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

History at Selborne College develops confident and articulate young men who are strong writers and critical thinkers. Learners leave well prepared for tertiary study across fields such as law, politics, education, economics, and the humanities.

Beyond academic success, the study of History nurtures character, leadership, and intellectual confidence, equipping Selbornians to engage thoughtfully and responsibly with the world around them.





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THE SELBORNE MAN

At Selborne College, we are not merely preparing boys to pass examinations, win fixtures, or collect accolades. We are forming young men.

A Selborne man is:

- **Intellectually Disciplined**
He thinks carefully. He questions respectfully. He pursues understanding rather than surface familiarity. He is not afraid of rigour.
- **Morally Grounded**
He understands responsibility. He acts with integrity when no one is watching. He knows that character is revealed in pressure.
- **Courageous in Effort**
He does not withdraw from difficulty. Whether in the classroom, on the field, or on the stage, he learns to persist.
- **Articulate and Thoughtful**
He can express his ideas clearly. He listens as well as he speaks. He engages the world with curiosity rather than cynicism.
- **Committed to Brotherhood**
He understands that strength is built in community. He supports others. He leads by example.
- **Prepared for the Future**
He leaves Selborne adaptable, capable, and ready to contribute meaningfully to society. Every subject, every sport, every society exists to shape these qualities.

That is the Selborne standard.

