

History Curriculum Overview

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
Year 7	How did the Norman Conquest transform Britain? Students will study the history of the British Isles prior to the Norman conquest, expanding in their KS2 studies of Roman Britain. They will also begin to explain the causes of the Norman invasions and the consequences it had on Anglo-Saxon society and culture.	What was life like in the Middle Ages? In this fascinating topic students will have the chance to study the attitudes and lifestyles of people in this period, and how these changed over time. For example, they will examine the evolution of castles, the English language and the role of women. They will also consider the significance of popular protest by examining the causes and consequences of the Peasants' Rebellion, as well as how society dealt with the Black Death.	What was England's place in the world in the late Medieval Period? Here, students will examine the relationship between England and the wider world, especially with neighbouring countries such as France, Ireland, Wales and Scotland. They will also study the transformation England underwent under the Tudors. Finally, students will have the chance to study the Aztec culture, and its impact on the wider world.
Year 8	How did Britain's role in world developments change after 1500? Students will examine why and how the world was opening up to the Elizabethans, setting the foundations for the British Empire. They will also study the turbulent years of the English Civil War and its impact on Britain as a whole, as well as the involvement of Britain in the early history of North America.	How far did conditions improve for the working class in the nineteenth century? For this topic, our students delve deep into the social and political history of Britain by examining the impact of the Industrial Revolution on British towns and countryside (including Nottingham), trying to solve the mystery of the Jack the Ripper murders, and assessing the impact of the abolition of slavery on the British landscape.	Were the Victorian and Edwardian eras a Golden Age? Our final topic asks our students to examine the impact of the British Empire on both Britain and its dominions, and to evaluate the quality of life in Victorian and Edwardian Britain. Our students will also have the opportunity to use skills invaluable to a historian, such as analysing a range of sources and evaluating historians' opinions.
Year 9	How did the First World War transform the world? Students will study the impact of WWI on Britain and the wider world, by examining the contribution of soldiers of the British Empire, the birth of communist Russia and the defeat of Germany.	What were the causes and consequences of the Second World War? Students will examine the causes of WWII, including the actions of Hitler and the failure of the British and French to stop him. They will then study the key turning points in the war to understand the reasons for the Allied victory. Finally, they will study the Holocaust and its legacy.	How did the Second World War shape the world we live in today? Students will study the origins of the Cold War and its key events, including the Cuban Missile Crisis and the Berlin Wall. They will then go on to study the transformation of the British Empire to a Commonwealth, by looking at how some colonies, like India and Jamaica, gained their independence. Finally, students will study the evolution of British

			and Western culture in the 1950s, 1960s and 1980s.
Year 10	<p>What was medicine in Britain like in the Medieval period?</p> <p>Students will study the impact of the Ancient Greeks and Romans on the development of medicine, surgery and public health in the medieval period. They will also assess whether medicine progressed or stayed the same during this period.</p>	<p>How did medicine move forward after the Renaissance period?</p> <p>Students will examine the role played by individuals, among other factors, in helping medicine to develop and move forward into the modern era. They will also study the impact of major discoveries in the field of medicine and how they evolved into the 21st century.</p>	<p>Was the Elizabethan era a 'Golden Age'?</p> <p>Students will study this key period of British history and examine the major changes that occurred, which shaped the Britain we live in today. Students will have the opportunity to study the culture, architecture, religion and politics of this fascinating period and begin to consider their impact on our modern society. This topic builds on the students' studies in year 8 and lays the foundation for their A Level topic of The Tudors.</p>
Year 11	<p>How did World War One cause the outbreak of World War Two?</p> <p>In this fascinating topic, students will study the interwar period (1918-1939). They will examine the impact of the post-war international agreements and the birth of the League of Nations (today's United Nations). They will also analyse and evaluate the foreign policies of European nations and their contributions to the outbreak of WWII.</p>	<p>How did Germany change due to defeat in WWI?</p> <p>Students will study the early history of the German nation as it vied to rival the power of the British Empire. They will also examine the impact of the First World War on German society, as well as the perils the new democratic government faced between 1919 and 1924. Lastly, students will examine the recovery of Germany after 1924 as well as the beginnings of the Nazi Party and Adolf Hitler.</p>	<p>How and why did Adolf Hitler come to power in 1933, and how did life for Germans change thereafter?</p> <p>Students will study the causes behind Hitler's rise to power and use their knowledge to evaluate and prioritise these causes. They will also examine how the lives of ordinary Germans changed due to Nazi policies, including the opposition towards the Nazi state, as well as the impact of WWII.</p>