

Key Stage 3 History: Curriculum Outline

Our History curriculum is structured through a chronological sequence of British history from the fifth century to the mid-twentieth. We teach history in chronological order so that conceptual understanding emerges organically. This is underpinned by our vision of depth through breadth, where a panoramic view of British history allows pupils to draw connections and identify disparities across time. Our intention is for pupils to engage in a rigorous study of history as a discipline through challenging reading, subject-specific terminology, and cumulative assessment. Sources are considered only when students have acquired the appropriate contextual lens through which the source should be analysed. Each year, pupils have three periods of History a week and the curriculum allows for regular opportunities to review and consolidate prior learning; indeed, the cumulative nature of the curriculum means that pupils must be able to recall knowledge to which they have previously been introduced in order properly to access new content. This focus on recall pays particular attention to the historical narrative which they have built up from the beginning of the key stage and which is a focus of our assessments. We expect our students to be knowledgeable about the people, places, dates and events that they have studied and to be able to draw on this knowledge to articulate a clear and coherent understanding of the study of the past.

Year	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
7	Retreat of the Romans, Anglo-Saxon England and the Islamic Golden Age	Conquests of the Eleventh Century and Norman England	England in the Twelfth Century and the Crusades	Magna Carta and the Development of Parliament	Kingship and Conflict in the Fourteenth Century, including the Hundred Years' War	Lancastrian England and the Wars of the Roses
8	Early Tudor Politics, the Renaissance and the Reformation	The English Reformation and the Mid-Tudor Period	The Reign of Elizabeth I, Elizabethan Exploration and the Early Stuarts	The English Civil War, Commonwealth, Protectorate and England in the Atlantic World	The Restoration, the Glorious Revolution and the Enlightenment	The Commercial Revolution and Politics in the Eighteenth Century
9	The American and French Revolutions	The British Empire	The Industrial Revolution and 19th Century Reform	European Conflict	Prosperity and Extremes	Review c.410-c.1945