KS3 Curriculum Overview 2025-26

**Subject: HISTORY**

Rationale of KS3 Curriculum:

* Assume levels on entry correct and build on prior knowledge and attainment allowing students to continue to make rapid progress.
* Broad and varied topics that follow logical progression of how the UK was formed building on British Values. Woven through are concepts of the power of the monarchy, role of parliament and democracy.
* The units outlined are crucial to students understanding the world they live in and also for having empathy and for enquiring minds to grow by asking how and why.
* The Modern World Unit has been specifically designed to address the questions students most ask and allows staff to address issues that appear in the news today and to broaden their cultural, economic, social, political and geographical awareness that is not tested at GCSE but core to their understanding and making links to the wider world.
* Students begin to refine their written skills and make connections with their understanding of the 20th century modern world.
* Planned cultural capital is woven throughout

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| Sequence of Learning: |
| KS3 | Term 1 | Term 2 | Term 3 |
| Year 7 | Medieval EnglandLocal History ProjectAnglo-Saxon EnglandThe development of church, state and society in medieval Britain 1066 Norman InvasionThe feudal systemMagna carta | Medieval England & the TudorsThe development of church, state and society in medieval BritainThe black death & its social and economic impact The peasants’ revoltThe war of the roses and Henry VIIHenry VIII’s reign | The Elizabethan era and the civil warThe development of church, state and societyThe reigns of Henry VIII’s children (Edward & Mary)The Elizabethan eraThe English civil war – cause and eventsRestoration of the monarchy |
| Year 8 | Empire, slavery and the industrial revolutionBritain, imperialism and the empireBritain and the transatlantic slave trade: effects and abolitionThe industrial revolution and its impact  | WW1 and the interwar yearsWW1 causes, events and impact on societyThe treaty of VersaillesWomen’s suffrage The interwar years | Nazi Germany & WW2 The rise of Hitler Nazi Germany WW2 causes, events and impactOpposition to Nazi rule in Germany |
| Year 9 | The holocaust, post-war Britain and the cold warBritain’s place in the world after 1945Significant study – USA & Russia in the 20th century | The cold war and USA civil rightsSignificant study – USA& Russia in the 20th century Significant study – USA in the 20th century, the civil rights movement | USA civil rights and the Vietnam war Significant study – USA in the 20th century The civil rights movementSignificant study – USA in the 20th century, the Vietnam war causes, events and impact |