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 England  Local History Project  Anglo-Saxon England  The development of church, state and society in medieval Britain  1066 Norman Invasion  The feudal system  Magna carta | Medieval England & the Tudors  The development of church, state and society in medieval Britain  The black death & its social and economic impact  The peasants’ revolt  The war of the roses and Henry VII  Henry VIII’s reign | The Elizabethan era and the civil war  The development of church, state and society  The reigns of Henry VIII’s children (Edward & Mary)  The Elizabethan era  The English civil war – cause and events  Restoration of the monarchy |
| Year 8 | Empire, slavery and the industrial revolution  Britain, imperialism and the empire  Britain and the transatlantic slave trade: effects and abolition  The industrial revolution and its impact | WW1 and the interwar years  WW1 causes, events and impact on society  The treaty of Versailles  Women’s suffrage  The interwar years | Nazi Germany & WW2  The rise of Hitler  Nazi Germany WW2 causes, events and impact  Opposition to Nazi rule in Germany |
| Year 9 | The holocaust, post-war Britain and the cold war  Britain’s place in the world after 1945  Significant study – USA & Russia in the 20th century | The cold war and USA civil rights  Significant 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 movement  Significant study – USA in the 20th century, the Vietnam war causes, events and impact |