

	History Overview	
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Intent

Students in KS3 will study a wide range of historical themes, skills and time periods.

The aim of the history curriculum for KS3 is to provide students with as much of a breadth of historical knowledge as possible within the three years. Students will explore modern 20th Century History covering modern and relevant topics. Some of the topics that students will study during their time at Walton Hall Academy include:

- Ancient Egypt
- The Victorian era
- World War I
- The Suffragettes
- World War II.

Other areas of study will aim to provide a foundation of knowledge about the origins and development of the British nation. Students will also link the topics of study in History to other areas of the curriculum, such as English, Art and Music.

Progression Plan KS3

	Year One
Autumn term	An introduction to History Ancient Egypt The overall aim of the introductory unit is to introduce students to the concept of History as an academic subject. Students will be encouraged to consider why we study History at school and why it is important that we learn about the past. They will be introduced to key words, skills and knowledge involved with the study of History, such as inference, evidence, chronology, cause and consequence.
Spring term	World War 1 Students will explore the main causes of WWI. They will explore the following sub-topics: • the key events of WWI and the roles and responsibilities of different groups of people. • the impact of WWI on the lives of people living in Britain. What is the impact on our lives today? Why is Remembrance important?

	• The Battle of the Somme
Summer term	The Whitechapel Murders: Jack the Ripper Students will explore the following sub-topics: • Life in Whitechapel Exploration of what life was like in East End London and why this made Whitechapel the perfect place for 'Jack' to commit his murders. • Who were the Victims? • Who were the Suspects? • The Infamous Letters • The media portrayal

	Year Two
Autumn term	The Suffragettes Students will be introduced to the concept of Women's History and why it is important that we study the History of marginalised groups. They will explore the following sub-topics: • The life and work of Emmeline Pankhurst. • Key figures within the Suffragette movement. • Why is it important that we know about the Suffragettes and what they did? • What is feminism and is it still relevant today? • What is equality and why is it important?
Spring term	World War Two- Students will consider the causes of WW2 and the rise of Hitler and the Nazi party in Germany. They will explore the following sub-topics: • The causes of WWII- long and short term. • Key events of the war years. • The life of Adolf Hitler. • The rise of Hitler and the Nazi Party in Germany. • Life in Nazi Germany. • The growth of anti-Semitism in Germany. • The Holocaust.
Summer term	Challenges for Britain, Europe and the wider world 1901 to the present day. Students will explore the following sub-topics: • Britain since 1945, the NHS and the creation of the welfare state • Britain's place in the world since 1945 • social, cultural, and technological change in post-war British society

	Year Three
Autumn term	Life in Medieval England and The Black Death- Students will explore the following sub-topics: • What life was like in towns and cities in medieval England. • The Black Death- causes and symptoms.
Spring term	Stuart England- Gunpowder, Fire, Plague and Witches! Students will explore the following sub-topics: • The Gunpowder Plot • The Great Fire of London. • The Great Plague • Witches, Hunting and Trials (Pendle Case Study)
Summer term	The Great Depression and the inter-war years