



## Key Stage 3 Curriculum: History

### Years 7 and 8:

In each year, students study four topics, each with a specific focus:

- o Depth Study (in-depth study of various aspects of a relatively short period of time).
- o Source Study (focuses particularly on source analysis skills) .
- o Historical Concepts Study (focuses on one of a variety of historical concepts such as, cause and consequence or change and continuity).
- o Enquiry/Research Project (focuses on research and enquiry skills).

This will familiarise students with the language and structure of GCSE and will allow them to develop and improve their skills throughout the Key Stage.

### Assessment:

The format of assessments are standardised across the Key Stage to ensure a broad range of teaching and learning styles that allow students to practise and develop their skills across the Key Stage, while preparing them for GCSE:

- o Source analysis skills task.
- o Structured (essay) writing that requires justified judgement.
- o Research project.
- o Empathy task.
- o Drafting task.
- o Formal exam.

Standardising assessments allows students to develop their skills throughout the Key Stage in preparation for KS4 while developing more varied activities

### Year 7 topics

Topic	Focus
The Norman Conquest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anglo-Saxon England</li> <li>• Norman Invasion</li> <li>• Establishing Norman Control</li> </ul>
Religion in Medieval England	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The afterlife</li> <li>• Medieval church</li> <li>• Influence on everyday life</li> <li>• The Archbishop of Canterbury</li> <li>• Does the church make everyone good?</li> </ul>
Medieval Monarchs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Richard I</li> <li>• King John</li> <li>• Matilda and Stephen</li> <li>• Eleanor of Aquitaine</li> <li>• Edward I in Wales and Scotland</li> </ul>
Who were the English?	Migration

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Romans</li> <li>• Anglo-saxons</li> <li>• Vikings</li> </ul> <p>Religious Migrants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jews</li> <li>• Puritans</li> <li>• Huguenots</li> </ul> <p>Economic migrants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Irish</li> <li>• Wind rush</li> </ul>
Challenges to the Catholic Church	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Catholicism</li> <li>• Protestantism</li> <li>• Henry VIII</li> <li>• Peasants revolt</li> <li>• Mary I</li> <li>• Elizabeth I</li> <li>• Gunpowder Plot</li> </ul>
Changing ideas 1660-1789	<p>Samuel Pepys</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Great Plague</li> <li>• Great Fire of London</li> </ul> <p>Enlightenment</p> <p>Monarchy v Parliament</p> <p>England by 1789</p>

### Year 8 topics

English Reformation
English Civil War
Slave Trade
Rise of the British Empire
Industrial Revolution

### Year 9 Topics-foundation GCSE year

American West
Anglo-Saxons and Normans
Medicine through time
Weimar and Germany