



Verulam School: Key Stage 3 CURRICULUM INFORMATION

Department: History

Subject Leader: Mr Coughlan

Subject Vision:

History at Verulam aims to develop an understanding and appreciation of England's history, as well as of other cultures so that students can make sense of the world around them. This includes learning about periods of tension and conflicts and how to make the world a better place from learning about successes as well as mistakes through time. We aim to spark a passion for history throughout life and to develop second order concepts. This involves forming an understanding of the development of the United Kingdom and an exploration of other nations and cultures throughout history. In the modern age, students need to be able to decipher media representations and distinguish between fact and opinion so that they can make sense of what is happening around them. We therefore teach our students how to engage critically with the world around them, developing the skills needed to analyse and evaluate information they are presented with before coming to an informed conclusion. Students are taught how to express their ideas in a coherent and convincing argument in a manner that is transferable to other disciplines.

	YEAR 7					
Term	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Topic/Unit Title	How do we unlock the past? How did the Roman and Han Empires anchor the Ancient World?	Did the fall of Rome really plunge Britain into the 'Dark Ages'? Why did the Norman Conquest trigger a centuries-long battle for control of England?	Why was Baghdad the true intellectual centre of the medieval world?	Why has Mansa Musa been described as the greatest Mansa in history?	Why did civilisations collide in Jerusalem?	How far did the Reformation and Civil War tear apart the community of St Albans?

	YEAR 8					
Term	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Topic/Unit Title	Why did England erupt in Civil War? Was the Industrial Revolution really the 'dawn of liberty'?	Why are there so many experiences of the British Empire?	How did the Transatlantic Slave Trade impact Benin? What is the legacy of the British Empire?	Was it really one bullet that caused WWI?	How much have people's rights changed across time?	Why was Hitler able to control Germany? Why were so many murdered in the Holocaust?
	YEAR 9					
Term	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Topic/Unit Title	When did WW2 turn against Hitler?	How well did Hertfordshire survive Hitler? Why did Olusoga write about the British Civil Rights Movement in his book?	How has Warfare shaped England? • Stone Age • Romans • Anglo Saxons • Normans	How has Warfare shaped England? • Medieval period	How has Warfare shaped England? • Early modern period • Industrial period	How has Warfare shaped England? • Modern period