

Curriculum Overview for History - Year 7

When?	What?	Why?	How?	Support
Autumn Half Term - 1	Introduction to History (Benchmark Testing)	To identify the purpose of History and the core skills needed such as Chronology and Enquiry.	Range of lessons on historical core skills such as archaeological evidence and timelines. To equip students with historians tools.	Students conduct online research to construct a timeline for a historical personality. There is a department <i>Google Site</i> website containing extension tasks and supportive tasks for the unit.
Autumn Half Term - 2	Roman and Anglo-Saxon Britain (Transition Study)	A bridging unit from familiar content from primary and also to contextualise the background to Medieval England.	Lessons study what the Romans have done for us, Boudicca's revolt and how Romans lived in Britain such as Caister St Edmunds and the coming of the Anglo-Saxons.	Good online resources on Boudicca's revolt. Norwich Castle has an excellent permanent exhibition on Caister St Edmunds and the Iceni. Good support materials available on the <i>Google Site</i> .
Spring Half Term - 1	The Norman Conquest of England, 1066 (GCSE Context Unit 2 Normans)	After our introduction to History and bridging unit we begin the prescribed linear look at Britain from 1066-the present.	Lessons look at the claims to the English throne, outcomes of the Battle of Hastings and the Norman colonisation of England including the construction of Castles.	Research on castles and various sites available for visiting outside of school. Excellent recent resources provided by the BBC History website and series available on YouTube.
Spring Half Term - 2	Life in the Middle Ages 1066-1509 (GCSE Context Unit 1 Black Death)	A look at life in the Middle Ages from the point of view of ordinary people in society from the peasant to the knight.	Lessons compare all aspects of life in a variety of activities.	Some good online resources are available.
Summer Half Term - 1	Who Ruled England – Church or Kings? 1066-1509 (GCSE Context Units 1-2 Roles of Religion)	A final look at medieval society through a look at beliefs in the Middle Ages including the struggle between the crown and church.	A variety of lessons looking at the Church, crusades and the murder of Thomas Becket.	Good online resources on BBC Bitesize.
Summer Half Term - 2	The Tudors 1509-1603 (GCSE Context of Unit 1 on Renaissance)	Moving forward to the Tudors' era, students analyse the impact of the new dynasty on religion and new renaissance ideas.	A variety of lessons looking at the Reformation and the nature of the Tudors dynastic troubles.	Good online resources on BBC Bitesize.