



History Curriculum Overview

	Autumn 1 Sep-Oct	Autumn 2 Nov-Dec	Spring 1 Jan-Feb	Spring 2 Feb-Mar	Summer 1 Apr-May	Summer 2 Jun-Jul
Reception	Myself, People who help us	Space, light and dark, Christmas	Toys			Pirates under the sea!
Year 1		Local Study: Have children always gone to school at Grindon Hall?		The Story of Transport: would everyone tell it the same way?		Pocahontas: why should we remember her?
Year 2		Why did the Great Fire of London spread so easily?		Florence, Edith or Mary: who was the most remarkable?		How have our seaside holidays changed?
Year 3		Stone, Bronze or Iron Age: which was the most impressive?		How much did the Ancient Egyptians achieve?		Was the Mayan civilisation advanced?
Year 4	What happened when the Romans came to Britain?		Industrial Revolution – who were the winners and losers?		Down by the river – how has our industrial landscape changed?	
Year 5	Was the Anglo-Saxon period really a 'Dark Age'?	Were the Vikings really so bloodthirsty?			1,000 years of Crime and Punishment! When was the best time to be a criminal?	
Year 6	What did the Ancient Greeks do for us?				The Home Front in 10 photos – which would you choose?	Windrush and other journeys – why did people come to Britain?
Year 7	How did the Romans, Anglo-Saxons and Vikings shape the North East of England?		Why did William of Normandy win the Battle of Hastings and how did the Norman Conquest change England?	How did England's Medieval Monarchs deal with the problems they faced?	How and why did Christians and Muslims go to war over the Holy Land?	Why did religion cause so many divisions in Tudor England?
Year 8	Revolutions! Why did monarchies become so unpopular in the 17 th and 18 th centuries?	What led to the growth and decline of West African Kingdoms?	How and why did Britain get involved in the Transatlantic Slave Trade?	What was life like in British India?	To what extent did the Industrial Revolution lead to progress and improvement?	How did Britain become a fairer and more democratic society?
Year 9	Why was the Great War so devastating?	How did Hitler become Germany's dictator and what was life like under Nazi rule?	What were the major turning points in the Second World War?	Understanding the Holocaust – how and why did it happen?	To what extent did life improve for black British and American citizens in the 20 th century?	What factors have shaped conflicts since the Second World War?

Year 10	GCSE PERIOD STUDY 1: Did everyone in America benefit from the Roaring Twenties economically, socially and culturally?	GCSE PERIOD STUDY 2: How was America impacted by the Great Depression, New Deal and Second World War?	GCSE PERIOD STUDY 3: How was post-war America impacted economically, culturally and socially, and to what extent was equality achieved in America by 1973?	GCSE WIDER-WORLD DEPTH STUDY 1: How did the Cold War originate in the 1940s and how did it develop in the 1950s?	GCSE WIDER-WORLD DEPTH STUDY 2: How did the Cold War develop in the 1960s and early 1970s?	GCSE THEMATIC STUDY 1: How did England gain and lose land in Medieval and Early Modern times?
Year 11	GCSE THEMATIC STUDY 2: What factors led to the growth and collapse of the British Empire?	GCSE THEMATIC STUDY 3: Why have people migrated to and from Britain over the centuries?	GCSE BRITISH DEPTH STUDY 1: How did William the Conqueror establish and maintain his authority in England?	GCSE BRITISH DEPTH STUDY 2: What was life like under Norman rule?	GCSE BRITISH DEPTH STUDY 3: How did the Normans reform the English Church? (including the HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT case study)	Revision and Examinations