

At the beginning of Year 7 students study a short unit of work which focuses on developing the following historical skills; making inferences and explaining how and why interpretations of an event can differ.

Study Unit 1: The Neolithic Revolution

This unit of work explores the developments that took place during the later part of Stone Age. Fairly unique in the sense that not many schools deal with this period at Key Stage Three, students will gain an insight into the fundamental pre-historic change that saw humankind develop from hunter-gatherer culture to settled farming civilisations.

Study Unit 2: The Development of Church, State and Society in Medieval Britain, 1066-1509

Students will study the Norman Conquest of 1066. This will involve considering why William of Normandy won the Battle of Hastings and how he was then able to establish control over England. Students will also investigate some of the attitudes and beliefs which existed in the Middle Ages. This involves exploring the significance of religion and students will consider the causes and effects of the Crusades, and the attitudes towards health and disease.

Students have the opportunity to develop their knowledge and understanding of society in the Middle Ages looking at the lives of struggling peasants compared to that of the wealthy nobles. Students will also consider how and why Parliament developed and the reasons for the Peasants' Revolt.

Study Unit 3: The Development of Church, State and Society in Medieval Britain, 1509-1745

Students will study a number of key issues which occurred in Britain between 1500 – 1750. Students will gain an insight into the religious changes invoked by Henry VIII, the political changes that were brought about by the Civil War, the execution of a British Monarch and the controversial rule of Oliver Cromwell. Students will consider the long term implications that many of these changes have had on today's society. Students will finish the year studying the dangers which monarchs and their people faced in the period 1500-1750. This will involve looking at such events as the Gunpowder Plot, the Spanish Armada, the Plague and the Great Fire of London.