

YEAR 3 HISTORY OUTLINE SYLLABUS.

The syllabus is based on the topic “Invaders and Settlers”. The Romans, Anglo-Saxons and Vikings are covered.

1. The Celts

- Background to pre-Roman invasion

2. The Romans

- Rome and its origins
- Roman conquest of Britain and settlement
- Life in Roman Britain
- The Roman legacy

3. The Anglo-Saxons

- Anglo-Saxon invasions and settlement
- Life in Anglo-Saxon England
- Rule of Alfred
- Conversion to Christianity

4. The Vikings

- Viking raids and settlement
- Lifestyle

5. Life in Victorian Britain

YEAR 4 HISTORY SYLLABUS

1. The Greeks

- The way of life
- Gods, myths and beliefs
- Achievements and their legacy

2. Norman Conquest

- Background: Saxon England, Vikings and causes of conquest
- Events: Battle of Stamford Bridge, Battle of Hastings

3. Life in Norman England

- Rich and poor
- Town and country
- Church and secular
- Feudal system and manor life

4. Castles

- Design and development of castles
- Defending and attacking castles
- Weapons
- Life in a castle

5. Cathedrals

- Design and development of cathedrals
- Role in society
- Chichester Cathedral

6. Religion

- Henry II and Becket
- Monasteries
- Crusades (if time)

YEAR 5 HISTORY SYLLABUS .

1. Murder of Becket
2. Life in a monastery
3. The Crusades
4. Magna Carta and the beginning of Parliament.
5. Scotland and Wales
6. The Black Death
 - Causes, symptoms and effects
7. The Peasants' Revolt
 - Cause, events and personalities of the revolt
8. The Hundred Years War
 - Outline of causes and major engagements
 - Warfare and weapons
 - Ships
 - Heraldry
9. The Wars of the Roses
 - Causes, events and results
 - The Princes in the Tower
 - Battle of Bosworth
10. Life in 14th and 15th century England
 - Agriculture
 - Industry
 - Town life
11. Exploration
 - Early voyages eg Columbus
 - Life on board ship and navigation
12. The Aztecs
 - Aztec life: religion, architecture and language
 - Cortes and Montezuma
13. Use of Sources

YEAR 6 HISTORY SYLLABUS

1. Henry VII

- Claim to the throne
- Battle of Bosworth
- Achievements

2. Henry VIII

- Foreign policy
- King's Great Matter
- English Reformation, Dissolution of Monasteries

3. Edward VI and Mary I

- Edward VI: Religious change, Somerset and Northumberland
- Mary I: Religious change, Wyatt's Rebellion, foreign policy

4. Elizabeth I

- Marriage, succession and religion
- Scotland and Mary Queen of Scots
- Relations with Spain and the Armada
- Relations with Parliament
- Life in Elizabethan England: London, the poor.
- Local study based on Cowdray House

5. James I

- Elizabeth's legacy and his inheritance
- Religion: Hampton Court, Gunpowder Plot, Puritans
- Finance
- Foreign policy

6. Charles I and the Causes of the English Civil War

- Buckingham and foreign policy
- 11 years of personal rule
- Strafford, Laud, Hampden and Pym
- Relations with Parliament and the outbreak of war.

7. English Civil War

- The battles and campaigns of the war. Why Charles lost the war.
- Local history study on the Siege of Chichester
- Negotiations, trial and execution of Charles I

8. England under Cromwell

- Rump and Barebones Parliaments
- Scotland and Ireland
- Life under Cromwell. The Major-Generals
- The end of Cromwell

YEAR 7 HISTORY SYLLABUS

1. The Restoration and reign of Charles II.
 - Why was Charles II restored?
 - Constitutional monarchy
 - Great Plague and Great Fire. Pepys and Wren
 - Life under the “Merry Monarch”
2. James II and the Glorious Revolution.
3. The Agricultural Revolution in Britain
 - End of open field system, enclosure, inventions, breeding
 - Townshend, Tull, Bakewell, and Colling
 - Impact of change on society
4. The Industrial Revolution in Britain.
 - Textiles: Inventions and inventors eg Hargreaves, Arkwright
 - Factories
 - Coal mining, focus on safety
 - Steam, iron and steel
 - Impact of change on society and the empire
5. Progress in transport.
 - Roads: turnpikes, Telford and Macadam
 - Canals and ships
 - Railways: Liverpool to Manchester and Stephenson
 - The impact of change on society
6. Socio-economic impact of change
 - Living conditions and disease
 - Growth and distribution of population
 - Growth of towns and cities and the problems that caused
7. Expansion of trade and empire.
 - North America, Canada, Caribbean and the slave trade
 - War of American Independence
8. Political developments in Britain
 - Growth of political parties and extension of the franchise
 - Protest movements: Chartists and Trade Unions
9. French Revolution and Napoleon
 - Causes and events of the revolution
 - Rise of Napoleon
 - Life in the British navy. Trafalgar
 - Russian campaign and Battle of Waterloo

YEAR 8 HISTORY SYLLABUS

1. Revision of Tudors and Stuarts.
Revise the topics covered in Year 6 from Henry VII to Oliver Cromwell, going into greater depth, developing essay techniques in the process.
2. Revision of Britain 1750 -1900.
This will involve a brief review of the topics covered in Year 7.
3. Source documents.
Pupils will be prepared for the source based questions on the Tudor and Stuart period on the Common Entrance paper.
4. Scholarships.
Whilst covering the general syllabus for Common Entrance, extra guidance and preparation will be given for papers for specific schools. This will often involve extra lessons outside of the normal timetable.
5. Post Common Entrance Course.
After the exams time will be devoted to the two world wars and life in Britain during and between the wars. This is intended as a brief introduction to senior school history.