



Bishop Vesey's Grammar School

History Department

Curriculum Intent Statement

Our mission is to stimulate the scholarly interest of our students in History, to nurture a spirit of enquiry and curiosity and a passion for the subject. We intend to develop resilience in our students, to make them question and think critically about information they are given, and to persevere and embrace challenge and difficulty. We want them to recognise that History itself is an interpretation, and therefore consider a range of interpretations before forming their own judgement. We want them to develop empathy and an understanding of the diverse nature of society. History will teach them the art of collaboration and confidence.

Curriculum Map

	Power	Society	Religion	Conflict	Evidence
Source Skills: The Mali Empire	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
The Norman Conquest: Who should be King? Why did William win the Battle of Hastings? How did William keep control? How effective was William? What happened to William Rufus?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Church and State: Crusades. What happened on the White Ship? England's first civil war - The Anarchy - Stephen and Matilda. An introduction to the Medieval Church, Why did Thomas Becket and Henry II quarrel?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
King John & Making of Parliament: Was King John really a bad king? Magna Carta, Simon de Montfort and the rise of Parliament. Black Death and Peasants' Revolt - why were they significant?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Making of the UK: William Wallace/Braveheart - England and Scotland - how reliable is the film 'Braveheart as an historical source'? Owain Glyndwr - England and Wales. England and Ireland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Medieval Life: What was life like in medieval villages and towns? Disability in the Middle Ages. The presence of Jewish and Black people in Medieval England. What was public health and medicine like in medieval England? Medieval crime, punishment and torture including a murder mystery. Debasement of the coinage.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Wars of the Roses, Richard III and the Princes in the Tower: Who deserved to win the Wars of the Roses? What sort of man was Richard III? Who killed the Princes in the Tower? Skeletal evidence of Richard III	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
The early Tudors: How successful was Henry VII at uniting England and does he deserve the title 'the Winter King'? Role of the monasteries, nunneries, abbeys and priories. Why and with what consequences did Henry VIII break with Rome? Edward VI - An age of religious change? Was Lady Jane Grey doomed from the start? Does Mary deserve the nickname 'Bloody Mary'?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Year 7

Topic/Key content	Power	Society	Religion	Conflict	Evidence
Kingdom of Benin: Did the Obas of Benin rule like the Tudors of England? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Did the Obas of Benin rule like the Tudors of England? How do we know how the Obas ruled? Did the Obas of Benin build like the Tudors of England? How did the kingdom of Benin interact with Christendom? 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Elizabeth I and the later Tudor period <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Who should Elizabeth marry? Elizabethan portraits Mary Queen of Scots The Spanish Armada Elizabethan Explorers Francis Drake and Slave Trade Elizabethan religious settlement Roanoke 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
<h1>Year 8</h1>					
The Gunpowder Plot <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Were the Catholics framed? 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
The English Civil Wars, 1642-51 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Causes of the Civil Wars Why did the Parliamentarians win? Why was Charles I executed? Oliver Cromwell – hero or villain? 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Restoration & Glorious Revolution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How did Charles II become King and what kind of ruler was he? Does the Glorious Revolution deserve its name? Is it fair to call Queen Anne the ‘Forgotten Monarch’? How and why the 17th and 18th century monarchs get involved in the Transatlantic Slave Trade? 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Plague and Great Fire <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Were the Great Plague and Great Fire disasters for London? 		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Witchcraft <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why did people believe in Witchcraft? How effective were witchcraft tests? Were the 16th and 17th centuries an age of science and technology? 		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
American Wars of Independence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why did the Americans want independence from Britain? Why did Britain lose the American Revolutionary War and what were the consequences of Independence? What role did African Americans play? 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
The French Revolution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Was France well governed before the Revolution? What were the causes of the French Revolution? What should be done with the King? The Flight to Varennes Was the trial of Louis XVI fair? Comparison to Charles I Was the terror necessary Did people support the revolution? Was Robespierre a hero or a villain? Did Napoleon betray France? 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

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Why is the Industrial Revolution so significant? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What changed in Britain 1750-1900? Was this progression or regression? 	☑	☑		☑		
From Slavery to Black Lives Matter: Why is the legacy of the Slave Trade so important and controversial? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why did Britain take part in the Transatlantic Slave Trade? What was Africa like before the Transatlantic Slave Trade? What was life like on the Plantations? How much REALLY changed in Jamaica 1760-1865? Tacky's Revolt, Morant Bay, Public Opinion, Economics, Conditions of the enslaved, Rebellions, Racism What can we learn from Black British music about the experiences of Black people in Britain from 1948 to the present day? What was life like for African-Americans after the end of slavery? 	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Core Assessment 1
<h1 style="margin: 0;">Year 9</h1>						
Should Britain be proud of its Empire? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What was India like before the British Raj? How did the East India Company take control of India? A dangerous mutiny or a heroic war of independence? 1857 Should Britain be proud of its Empire? 	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	
World War I <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What were the causes of WW1? Why did men join the army in 1914? What was life like in the trenches? Why was the war not over by Christmas? How did soldiers of Empire help Britain win WW1? Did WW1 win independence for Ireland and the vote for British women? 	☑	☑		☑	☑	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Core assessment 2
World War 2 and the Holocaust <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why did WW2 break out in 1939? What were the key events/turning points in WW2? Why was Alan Turing voted the 'icon' of the 20th century by the British public? Why did the USA drop the atomic bomb? Why and how did the Holocaust happen? Why is the Holocaust so significant? Never Again? Genocide post-1945 	☑	☑	☑	☑		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Core assessment 3: exam WW2 House of Cards Holocaust Day
1960s USA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Who shot JFK? 	☑	☑		☑	☑	