

Year 8 Curriculum Intent

Year 8	Unit of work	Intent
Autumn	Tudors	Students will discover what legacy the Tudors left on the government and religion of the country, with analysis of the Reformation.
	Slavery	To gain an awareness of the exploitation of African tribes from the 16 th to the 18 th centuries by European slave traders in establishing colonies in the Americas and the legacy the slave trade has left in America and the world today.
Spring	Making of the United Kingdom	How and why did parliament challenge the power of absolute monarchy in the 17 th century during the reigns of the Stuarts and why is Britain not a Republic today? Spotlight on the English Civil War. Students will learn of other important constitutional acts such as the Bill of Rights and the Act of Union with Scotland.
	Victorian Society	What can 19 th century living conditions of the poor suggest about British society? What was the industrial revolution and what was Macclesfield's role? What can the Jack the Ripper murders tell us about the causes of crime and what were the government doing about it? Was there a link between crime and squalor?
Summer	Empires	To analyse how and why countries have built empires from the 17 th to the 19 th centuries, considering the growth of imperialism. Were these empires a force for good in the world? Examples include Britain, France, Spain and Japan. How did these empires clash; an example of the Battle of Trafalgar and Waterloo.
	Protest	What are revolutions and how have people tried to free themselves of tyranny? A comparison of the American, French and Russian revolutions and a consideration of why no revolution had taken place in Britain during the 19 th century.