

## Year 9 Curriculum Intent

Year 9	Unit of work	Intent
Autumn	WW1	Why did Britain go to war in 1914? What were conditions like in the trenches? What happened at the Battle of the Somme? Students will evaluate the causes of WW1 and evaluate whether Douglas Haig deserves the name "Butcher of the Somme".
	WW2	How did Britain find itself at war again in 1939? Students will analyse key events such as Dunkirk, the Battle of Britain, D-Day, the Home Front and the worldwide battles such as Pearl Harbor, El Alamein and the nuclear bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki – was it a necessary evil?
Spring	Holocaust	How were 6 million Jews, gypsies, homosexuals and political dissidents persecuted under Nazi policies? Students will learn of the dangers of a civilised country such as Germany committing acts of genocide. What is collective responsibility and how is the bystander culpable? Does genocide happen today?
	The Cold War, and the 1960s	What was the Cold War? Why did it happen and what is the legacy for today? The 1960s is considered an important decade for social, economic, political and world history. What things happened in the 1960s and was it really a glorious decade for people who lived at the time?
Summer	War Against Terror	September 11 <sup>th</sup> 2001 is remembered as a devastating attack on the people of the USA and the West. Students will analyse what caused this event and how the world has changed since.
	Personal History Project	Students have the opportunity to research a topic of interest throughout their study of history. It might be a period of history they have not studied. The purpose is that students develop researching skills needed for GCSE and A Level study.