Bullers Wood School for Boys

History

Key Stage 3 | Years 7-9

Our aim

To build a secure chronological understanding of Britain and the wider world, and the disciplinary skills of the historian: interrogating sources, weighing evidence, judging significance and constructing well-supported arguments.

Units are framed as enquiry questions, travelling from medieval England, Mali and the Inka to the Holocaust, the Cold War and modern Britain.

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Autumn 1	How did public health change in Britain? · How did the Silk Roads shape our world?	The British Empire's global influence · Political reform in Britain	Race and migration in Britain, 1910–2020
Autumn 2	How far did Anglo-Saxon England survive the Norman Conquest?	Soldiers from across the empire on the Western Front	The Troubles in Northern Ireland
Spring 1	Why did religion matter in medieval England? · Mansa Musa and the Mali Empire	The Holocaust: how and why it happened	Campaigns for equality in post-war Britain
Spring 2	Power in medieval Europe · How historians study the Inka	Raphael Lemkin and international law · Causes of the Second World War	The Russian Revolution · Cold War nuclear tensions
Summer 1	Luther's protest and the Reformation · Three accounts of Cromwell	Women's rights · LGBTQ+ activism and 1980s Britain	The end of the Cold War and its global impact
Summer 2	Tudor and Stuart exploration · How should the British Empire be remembered?	Post-war Britain and its place in the world	The Middle East: prospects for peace

Checking progress

- Retrieval quizzes in most lessons
- Exhibitions, debates, board games and projects
- End-of-topic assessments about half-termly; end-of-year in summer

Homework

- One task a week, about 30 minutes.

Help at home

- 10–15 minutes a week reviewing his exercise book
- BBC Bitesize and Seneca Learning
- Year 8 trip to the Imperial War Museum

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Key Stage 4 | Years 10-11

GCSE History covers a thousand years – a sweep of medicine through time, a medieval kingdom, Nazi Germany and the Cold War – and asks how the past shapes the present.

GCSE History – Edexcel

What you study: Year 10	What you study: Year 11
Medicine in Britain, c.1250–presentThematic study of causes of disease, treatment and public health. The British sector of the Western FrontHistoric environment: injuries, treatment and the trenches. Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918–39Modern depth study.	Anglo-Saxon and Norman England, 1060–88British depth study. Superpower relations and the Cold War, 1941–91Period study.

How it is assessed (three exams at the end of year 11)	
Paper 1: Medicine through time and the Western Front · 1 hr 20	**30%**
Paper 2: Anglo-Saxon & Norman England and the Cold War · 1 hr 50	**30%**
Paper 3: Weimar and Nazi Germany · 1 hr 30	**40%**

Skills you build

+ Analysing sources and interpretations, explaining causation and change, and writing sustained, well-supported arguments.

Beyond the classroom

+ A trip to the National Army Museum for a Medicine Through Time workshop.