



St Benedict's Catholic School

The Catholic Secondary School for West Suffolk

HISTORY CURRICULUM GUIDE

Year 9 Autumn

Students will cover two units of work during the autumn term: 1) Victorian Britain and case study on Jack the Ripper; 2) The First World War

Victorian Britain and case study on Jack the Ripper

The impact of the industrial revolution
Children and working conditions
Victorian Literature: Charles Dickens
Life for Men and Women
Case study on Jack the Ripper

Assessment: Newspaper article on the Jack the Ripper murders making a case for who was the most likely suspect. Grades and targets for the assessment should be recorded on the student's record sheet, in the front of their exercise book.

First World War

Long term and short term causes of the war
The Schlieffen Plan
Poems and Remembrance
Ypres and trench conditions
Letters and censorship
Recruitment

There will be a field trip to Ypres to support this unit.

Homework: Students can expect to be set one piece of homework per week. Tasks may include research, reading or writing.

Year 9 Spring

Students will study two topics in the spring term: The Battle of the Somme and Life in Nazi Germany (including the Holocaust). Lessons will be structured around enquiry questions.

Battle of the Somme and the end of WWI

Why did the Allies decide to launch the Battle of the Somme?

What happened on the first day of the Battle of the Somme?
How did the Battle develop over the following months?
Does Haig deserve to be remembered as 'The Butcher of the Somme'?
What was decided at the Treaty of Versailles?
Was the Treaty of Versailles fair?
Did the Treaty of Versailles cause the Second World War?

Assessment: GCSE style assessment on the Battle of the Somme

Homework: Students can expect to be set one piece of homework per week which may involve research, reading or writing.

Year 9 Summer

Students will cover two units of work during the summer term on WWII (Home Front) and the Assassination of JFK

Summer First Half Term

WWII (Home Front)

What were the causes of WWII?
Dunkirk: Triumph or Disaster?
How did Churchill manage to win the Battle of Britain?
What was life like for ordinary people during WWII? (Rationing, Evacuation, the Blitz)

Assessment: Project on the Home Front

Summer Second Half Term

Where was JFK assassinated?
What weapon was used in the assassination?
Who killed JFK?
Why was Jack Ruby murdered?
What evidence is there to suggest there was more than one gunman?
Who may have wanted JFK to be assassinated?

Assessment: News report on the assassination of JFK