Year 8 HISTORY Curriculum Overview

HALF TERM 1

The development of church, state and society in Britain 1509-1745

Henry VIII and the break with Rome

- Introduction to the Tudors and key words
- The character of Henry VIII
- Reasons for the break with Rome
- Henry VIII's wives
- The Protestant Reformation
- The death of Thomas More

HALF TERM 2

A local history study

- Henry's decision to dissolve the monasteries
- Historical sources on the dissolution of the monasteries
- The Pilgrimage of Grace
- A case study of Whalley Abbey
- The everyday life of a monk

HALF TERM 3

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Edward VI, Mary and Elizabeth

- Mary I and changes to religion
- Does Mary deserve the title 'Bloody Mary'?
- Historical sources on Edward and Mary
- Edward VI and changes to religion
- Lady Jane Grey
- The reign of Elizabeth I

HALF TERM 4

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Elizabeth I and James I

- Life in Elizabethan England
- Elizabeth's problems – religion, marriage, the armada, the Elizabethan Poor Laws
- The reign of James I
- The Gunpowder Plot

HALF TERM 5

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Charles I and the English Civil War

- The character of Charles I – the Divine Right of Kings
- Historical sources on Charles I
- Causes of the Civil War
- Events of the Civil War
- The Battle of Edgehill

HALF TERM 6	
The development of church, state and society in Britain 1509-1745 **The English Civil War, Oliver Cromwell and the interregnum**	• The Battle of Naseby • The armies, arms and armour of the English Civil War • The end of the Civil War and the execution of Charles I • Oliver Cromwell's England • Historical sources on Oliver Cromwell • Cromwell in Ireland