



# Blue Coat Church of England Academy

**Year: 9**

**Subject: History**

## Overview

At Key Stage 3 we have created schemes of work that allow pupils to reflect on the most important events of the past while reflecting on the importance of studying history and its relevance today.

We feel it is important that students gain an understanding of Britain's development and how this has shaped the society which they live in. We reflect upon the histories of different countries and cultures to develop a clear understanding of the past.

To aid student's exploration of British history we use a range of key questions to focus their studies.

For example, students explore the following questions:

- Why did the First World War start?
- The rise of the Nazi Party
- Why should the Holocaust be remembered?

In year 9 we complete the KS3 curriculum during the spring half-term and students will embark on a bridging unit for the GCSE course for the remainder of the year. This unit allows pupils to reflect on prior learning and discover the development of medicine through time.

## **Supporting your child at home**

To support the student's investigations, we work on developing a range of historical skills such as using historical information to development their ability to create and validate their arguments about the past, the ability to analyse and interpret historical interpretations and primary sources, as well as fostering independent learning skills. We believe the preparation for the study of GCSE History starts at KS3, where we forge the skills required to support the pupils into becoming outstanding historian.