Westfield Academy - Curriculum Information

In Year 7, students will learn about the history of Britain, studying the life of various settlers to Britain from the Romans to the Vikings. Students then study the Tudors, Witchcraft, Jack the Ripper and the Suffrage movement. In Year 8, students study world history from the USA's civil rights movement, WW1 and WW2 and the world after 1945.

History – Key Stage 3		
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Lessons per 2-week cycle	3	
Specification/Board details/Key stage	Key Stage 3	

Term by term

Year 7

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1
Celts Romans Vikings Normans	Peasants revolt English civil war Oliver Cromwell	Henry VIII English Reformation Mary I Elizabeth I
Spring 2	**Summer 1**	**Summer 2**
Causes of witchcraft Why people were accused of witchcraft Why the witch craze ended	Living conditions in London Crime in London The murders of Jack the Ripper Why wasn't the ripper caught?	Role of women in the 1900's Women's fight for the vote Suffragist and Suffragette movement

Year 8

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1
The slave triangle & middle passage Life for slaves in the USA The tactics used by the civil rights movement	What is an empire? The British empire? Empires from around the world? The legacy of empires	Causes of WW1 Trench warfare Battle of the Somme Remembering WW1 The Treaty of Versailles
Spring 2	**Summer 1**	**Summer 2**
Causes of WW2 Battle of Britain & the blitz	Russian revolution Communism in Europe	Vietnam war Saddam Hussein & Iraq

The home front D-Day The holocaust	Mao's China The Korean war	9/11 & the Iraq and Afghanistan wars

Useful Websites	BBC Bitesize Oak Academy Access to all lessons via students Google classroom
Reading/Literacy requirements /Key Words	All lessons have a strong focus on literacy. In the course of their studies, students will complete reading of academic texts and learn how to spell and incorporate key historical terminology into their writing. Students will learn skills such as highlighting and summarising long passages of text as well as analysing historical sources both written and visual/audio. Students will have opportunities to practice and develop their extended writing skills including using evidence and forming and evaluating arguments as well as making judgements.
Homework requirements	Homework will be set at appropriate times throughout the year to allow students the opportunity to consolidate their knowledge of content and skills.
Personal Development Links	Lessons in history at KS3 allow students to develop an understanding of the community, country and world they live in and understand the historical context to many current world affairs. Students will develop confidence in their reading and writing skills. Students will also develop confidence in presenting, debating and developing arguments based on evidence supporting them to become well rounded and independent learners.
Trips/Visits (If applicable)	KS3 trip to the French and Belgian battlefields.