



## History: Year 8 Overview

### **Autumn 1: Reformation**

Students study the huge changes brought about by the Reformation and the impact of these changes on politics, monarchy and the lives of ordinary people. Students will get a sense of the turmoil of this period and will produce extended writing analysing the consequences of the Reformation.

### **Autumn 2: English Civil War**

Students will carry out an enquiry into the causes of the Civil War and will consider the part played by various factors. Students will then consider the various different experiences of the war and the impact it had on people's lives and on the nature of English government in the 17<sup>th</sup> century.

### **Spring 1: African kingdoms**

Students will carry out an evidence-based enquiry into the nature of African kingdoms before colonisation. This will broaden the scope of student's knowledge and understanding of the past.

### **Spring 2: Empire**

Students study the relationship between islands in the Caribbean and Britain. Students will consider the importance of these islands within British history and the story of empire.

### **Summer 1: The cost of sugar**

Students study the huge changes brought about by the transatlantic slave trade and the impact of this on enslaved people. Students will link this understanding to their previous study of African kingdoms and empire.

### **Summer 2: Site study**

Students will carry out a site study into Friern Hospital. This will be an opportunity for students to investigate the work of historians as well as a local landmark. Students will explore the history of mental health treatment as part of this enquiry.