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Year 7	Golden Thread: Migration Enquiry Question: How did migration shape early Britain from the Romans to the Normans? Pupils begin their historical journey by exploring how waves of migration transformed Britain between the Roman invasion and the Norman Conquest. They study who came to Britain, why they came, and how new peoples—from Romans and Saxons to Vikings and Normans—changed culture, language, and power. Through this, pupils learn that Britain’s story has always been one of movement, connection, and diversity.	Golden Thread: Empire Enquiry Question: How did English kings try to build an empire across Britain, and what happened when they did? Pupils explore how medieval English kings tried to extend their rule over Wales and Scotland, using armies, castles, and law to control new lands. They examine the resistance these invasions created and how local leaders defended their independence. Through these stories, pupils begin to see that England’s first attempts at empire started within Britain itself — revealing how conquest, resistance, and identity shaped the nation’s early history.	Golden Thread: Belief & Identity Enquiry Question: How did the Black Death change beliefs and everyday life in medieval England? Pupils explore how one of the deadliest pandemics in history transformed medieval England. They study what people believed caused the plague, how religion shaped their responses, and how society struggled to make sense of such devastation. By examining how fear, faith, and identity changed after the Black Death, pupils discover how beliefs can both unite and divide communities in times of crisis.		Golden Thread: Power & Resistance Enquiry Question: Why did England fall into civil war during the Wars of the Roses? Pupils investigate how weak leadership, ambition, and betrayal tore England apart during the Wars of the Roses. They study the rival claims of the Houses of Lancaster and York, explore key battles, and examine how ordinary people were affected by the fight for power. This topic helps pupils understand how resistance, loyalty, and leadership shaped England’s future and paved the way for the rise of the Tudors.	Golden Threads: Migration, Empire, Belief & Identity, Power & Resistance Enquiry Question: How has England’s story been shaped by movement, belief, and the struggle for power? Pupils revisit the key themes from across the year, connecting what they have learned about migration, empire, belief, and resistance. Through discussion, retrieval activities and short projects, they reflect on how people’s movements, ideas and conflicts have shaped England from Roman times to the rise of the Tudors. This unit helps pupils see that history is an interconnected story rather than separate events.

Year 8	Golden Thread: Belief & Identity Enquiry Question: How did belief and identity shape England from the Tudors to the Stuarts? Pupils trace how changing religious beliefs reshaped power and daily life from Henry VIII to the Stuarts. They study the break with Rome, shifting Protestant and Catholic rule, the Elizabethan Settlement, and rising Puritan tensions that shaped loyalty and belonging. This shows how belief could unite communities—or divide them—leaving a lasting mark on English identity.	Golden Thread: Empire Enquiry Question: Why did Britain start building an empire, and how did it grow? Pupils examine how Britain began to expand its power overseas, exploring the trade, ambition, and rivalry that drove empire building. They study the early colonies, the role of exploration and conquest, and how India became the “jewel in the crown” of British rule. This unit helps pupils understand how empire shaped Britain’s wealth, power, and global influence.	Golden Thread: Migration Enquiry Question: How did forced migration shape the transatlantic world? Pupils study the Transatlantic Slave Trade to understand how millions of Africans were captured, transported, and enslaved across the Americas. They explore life before captivity, the horrors of the Middle Passage, and the resilience and resistance of those forced into slavery. This powerful unit helps pupils understand how migration can be driven by exploitation as well as opportunity, and how its legacy still shapes our world today.	Golden Thread: Power & Resistance Enquiry Question: How did industrialisation change people’s lives in Accrington and Oswaldtwistle? Pupils explore how the Industrial Revolution transformed Britain and their local area. They investigate how new inventions, factories, and urban growth changed work, living conditions, and class structures. By studying the power of factory owners and the resistance of workers, pupils learn how ordinary people in Accrington and Oswaldtwistle shaped Britain’s industrial story.	Golden Threads: Belief & Identity, Empire, Migration, Power & Resistance Enquiry Question: How have belief, empire, migration, and resistance shaped Britain’s story? Pupils revisit the key ideas and stories from across the year, connecting how belief, empire, migration, and resistance have influenced Britain’s development. Through retrieval activities, reflection, and short investigations, they explore how faith, ambition, movement, and protest have defined who we are. This unit helps pupils see history as an ongoing conversation about identity and power.
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Year 9	Golden Thread: Belief & Identity (Gender and Society) Enquiry Question: Why did gender matter in crime and justice, 1800–1930? Pupils explore how gender shaped crime, justice, and social expectations in Britain from 1800 to 1930. They examine how Victorian ideas about men and women influenced law, punishment, and public opinion, before studying key case studies such as Jack the Ripper and the suffragettes. This unit helps pupils understand how beliefs about gender shaped identity, power, and the pursuit of justice in the modern world.	Golden Thread: Empire Enquiry Question: Why was the British Empire so powerful by 1914? Pupils explore how the British Empire reached the height of its power on the eve of the First World War. They investigate how industry, trade, military strength, and the resources of colonies made Britain a global superpower, while also considering the sacrifices demanded from across the empire. This unit helps pupils understand how imperial power was built—and how it would soon be tested in war.	Golden Thread: Power & Resistance Enquiry Question: How did people live, resist, and survive under Nazi rule? Pupils investigate how Hitler and the Nazi Party controlled Germany through propaganda, fear, and persecution. They explore the experiences of different groups under Nazi rule, including the Jewish community, and study acts of courage and resistance during the Holocaust. This unit helps pupils understand how power can be abused—and how resistance can take many forms, even in the darkest times.	Golden Thread: Migration Enquiry Question: How did post-war migration change Britain? Pupils explore how people from across the Commonwealth came to Britain after the Second World War, bringing new cultures, skills, and traditions. They examine stories from the Windrush generation and others who helped rebuild the nation, as well as the challenges of racism, resistance, and belonging. This unit helps pupils understand how migration transformed Britain's identity and continues to shape our society today.	Golden Threads: Belief & Identity, Empire, Power & Resistance, Migration Enquiry Question: How have belief, power, empire, and migration shaped the modern world? Pupils revisit the key stories and themes from across Year 9, linking how belief, empire, resistance, and migration have shaped global history and modern Britain. Through retrieval and reflection, they consider how individuals and communities have faced injustice, sought freedom, and defined their identities in a changing world. This unit helps pupils see the connections between past and present, preparing them for the depth of study at GCSE.
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Year 10	Thematic Study: Crime and Punishment in Britain, c1000–present (including Whitechapel, c1870–1900) Pupils begin their GCSE course by exploring how crime, punishment, and policing have developed across a thousand years of British history. They study key turning points such as the creation of the police, changing attitudes towards punishment, and the decline of public executions. The Whitechapel case study focuses on Jack the Ripper’s murders, revealing how poverty, overcrowding, and fear shaped life and justice in Victorian London.	British Depth Study: Early Elizabethan England, 1558–1588 Pupils study the challenges faced by Elizabeth I as a young queen and how she secured her throne in a time of religious tension and political intrigue. They explore the Elizabethan Settlement, plots against her life, and England’s growing rivalry with Spain leading to the Spanish Armada. This topic gives pupils insight into how power, faith, and identity shaped one of the most fascinating periods in British history.	Modern Depth Study: The USA, 1954–75 – Conflict at Home and Abroad Pupils explore the fight for civil rights in the United States and how ordinary people challenged racism and segregation. They study key figures such as Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Parks, as well as landmark events like the Montgomery Bus Boycott and the March on Washington. This topic helps pupils understand how protest, leadership, and social change reshaped America during the 20th century.
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Year 11	Modern Depth Study: The USA, 1954–75 – Conflict at Home and Abroad (The Vietnam War) Pupils investigate America’s involvement in the Vietnam War and how it became one of the most divisive conflicts of the 20th century. They explore the reasons for US intervention, the tactics used by both sides, and the impact of media coverage and protest movements. This unit helps pupils understand how war abroad fuelled conflict and questioning at home, shaping modern American politics and society.	Period Study: The American West, c1835–c1895 Pupils explore how the American West was settled, shaped, and transformed in the 19th century. They study the lives of Native Americans, the impact of westward expansion, and the challenges of law, order, and survival on the frontier. This topic helps pupils understand how migration, conflict, and opportunity created both the myths and realities of the Wild West.
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