Curriculum Overview History– Holly Lodge Girls' College

Year 7			
Title	Curriculum content	Assessment	
History Skills/ How did the Normans gain power?	 Introduction to Medieval England – depth study Claimants to the Throne Battle of Stamford Bridge The Battle of Hastings Why did William win the Battle of Hastings? The Feudal System 	The Norman Conquest – Progress Check - Written	
How did England change under the Normans?	 Investigation of societal, political, religious and economic change under the Normans including: Rebellions against William Building of castles Law and order A typical Norman village Growth of towns Change and continuity under the Normans 		
How was the power of the monarch challenged in Medieval England?	 The Magna Carta The Black death – causes and consequences for England The Peasants Revolt – causes and consequences for England How far was the power of the King challenged? 	Mid-Year Assessment	

How did the establishment of the Tudor Dynasty change life in England?	 Richard III and Henry VII How was the Tudor line established Henry VIII – his character, the succession, Reformation, Dissolution of the Monasteries, military successes and failures Society under Henry VIII Summary what kind of a leader was Henry VIII? 	In what ways was religion in the 16 th century like a rollercoaster?
Why did Elizabeth succeed but Mary fail as a monarch in England?	 Mary I - her character, successes and failures, did she deserve the title 'Bloody Mary'? Elizabeth I – issue of marriage, threats at home and abroad, society in Elizabethan England (Golden Age?), the Spanish Armada Overall impact on England 	
Why did Charles I lose his head and why did this dramatically change English History?	 James I – character and issues Causes of the English Civil War Key events and battles – royalists successes and failures Oliver Cromwell – Puritan values, hero or villain? 	Summer Assessment