The Henslow School Annual Planning 2025 – 2026

This is a summary for parents, carers and students which shows the likely areas of study.
It will be adapted by the teacher to suit groups and individuals.

Course subject content/qualification	**KS3 History**
Year group/Class information	**Year 7**
Number of lessons per week	**1**

Term	Topic/Course Information
Autumn 1 (Sep - Oct)	**Historical Skills** 1. What is history? 2. What are timelines? 3. How do historians use cause and consequence? 4. How do historians use judgement? 5. How do historians use evidence? 6. How do historians use interpretations?
Autumn 2 (Nov - Dec)	**Norman Conquest** 1. What were the Middle Ages like? 2. Who was the rightful claimant to the throne in 1066? 3. What adventures did Harold Godwinson have in Normandy? 4. Should the Duke of Normandy invade England? 5. Who had the strongest army at the Battle of Hastings? 6. What happened at the Battle of Hastings? 7. Why did William, Duke of Normandy, defeat Harold, King of England, at the Battle of Hastings?
Spring 1 (Jan - Feb)	**Medieval Monarchs** 1. How important was the church in the Middle Ages? 2. What happened to England's medieval monarchs? 3. How influential were England's medieval queens? 4. Why did Henry II agree to be whipped? 5. What role did the church have in the first crusade? 6. Who was King John? 7. How have interpretations of King John changed?
Spring 2 (Mar - Apr)	**The Black Death** 1. What was the Black Death? 2. What did people think caused the Black Death? 3. How did people treat the Black Death? 4. The Black Death: what short term impacts did it have? 5. The Black Death: what long term impacts did it have 6. How can evidence help you learn about the Black Death?
Summer 1 (Apr - May)	**Religious Rollercoaster: Tudors** 1. How important was the Church in the 1400s? 2. What religion was Henry VII? 3. Why did Henry VIII leave the Catholic Church? 4. Why was Mary I nicknamed Bloody Mary? 5. Why did Elizabeth I return the country to Protestantism?
Summer 2 (June - July)	**Shrewsbury Abbey** 1. What was a 16th century monastery like? 2. Was Shrewsbury Abbey a typical monastery? 3. How was Shrewsbury Abbey impacted by the Dissolution of the Monasteries? 4. What is Shrewsbury Abbey like today?