

KS4 History

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	Content
Year 10 HT1	GCSE Paper 1, Trenches and the Historical Environment: This unit comprises the other half of the GCSE Paper 1 on Medicine. After learning about the development of medicine from 1250-present day in Year 9, students now focus on the difficulties of caring for the sick and wounded in WW1. There is an overall focus on sources and what they tell us and the assessment for this half term will be a whole trenches section of a past paper from Edexcel.
Year 10 HT2	GCSE Paper 2, The American West: This unit introduces the topic of The American West 1830-1895 to GCSE students and continues over two half terms. The students start by looking at the discovery of America back in 1492 and the inhabitants that were already there. They focus on the tribal life of the 'Plains Indians' and the key features of their society. We then focus on the concept of 'Manifest Destiny' and the key groups that went out in search of this such as the gold prospectors, the cowboys and the homesteaders and the problem that their migration brought with them. The topic ends by looking at the destruction of the Plains Indian way of life and the eventual achievement of this 'Manifest Destiny'. This unit is also using the exam board Edexcel.
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Year 10 HT4	GCSE Paper 3, Weimar and Nazi Germany: This term Introduces the Edexcel unit looking at Weimar and Nazi Germany. This term will cover unit one of this topic where students get to look at Germany after WW1 bringing back their understanding of the Treaty of Versailles and the rise of Hitler from Year 8. We look at the difficulties and threats that the new Weimar Government faced as well as some successes and positive changes in German Culture.
Year 10 HT5	GCSE Paper 3, Weimar and Nazi Germany: The last two terms focus on unit 2-3 of the Weimar and Nazi Germany Unit. They start by looking at the development of Hitler and the Nazi Party and then moves on to look at how Hitler was able to change Germany from and democracy into a dictatorship after becoming chancellor. The term ends by looking at what life in Germany was like living under the rule of Hitler and the Nazi party.
Year 10 HT6	GCSE Paper 3, Weimar and Nazi Germany: This term is a continuation from HT5 but will include the need to revise and complete a mock examination paper 3 in July.
Year 11 HT1	GCSE Paper 2, Anglo-Saxon and Norman England: This term sees students completing the final topics needed for the whole Edexcel History GCSE. Students start by studying what life was like in Anglo Saxon England. They look at the social hierarchy, town and village life and the importance of the monarch. They then go on to unit two where they look at England being plunged into a succession crisis in 1066 and what the consequences of this were. This links back to their knowledge from Year 7 but covers the topic in much more depth and detail.
Year 11 HT2	GCSE Paper 2, Anglo-Saxon and Norman England: Students complete unit 2 and 3 of the Anglo-Saxon unit where they study the rebellions that threatened the reign of William the Conqueror and then the solutions he came up with to solve these. This unit revisits the building of castles and the creation of the Feudal System as well as looking at William's invention of the marcher earldoms. This term also includes the formal mock examinations where students in GCSE History sit a whole Paper 1 and a whole Paper 3.
Year 11 HT3 Year 11 HT4	GCSE Revision: Students revise all 4 units that make up the three GCSE papers. We focus on key substantive concepts and content as well as exam skills. This will include a number of 'walk and talk' exam sessions and sessions on how to structure exam answers.