

KS4

Subject: GCSE History

KS4 History refines and broadens students' knowledge and understanding of the skills required for their Edexcel GCSE. By the end of year 11 students should have a clear understanding of all aspects of the GCSE course. Year 10 students would have built a strong foundation to allow them to deepen their understanding in year 11, to give them the tools to achieve their full potential.

The content of the KS4 history course is reflective of the Edexcel History specification. Content is carefully sequenced to help students build on their prior knowledge and build on the assessment objectives (AO 1-4) as we navigate the course.

From November individual targeted intervention will be provided to fill further specific needs and gaps and to refine skills required for the GCSEs.

September - December		January - March		April - July	
Topic: British depth study - Early	Topic: Period study – Superpower	Topic: Thematic Study: The History of	Thematic Study: Historic	Topic: Modern depth study – Weimar and	REVISION
Elizabethan England (Paper 2)	relations and the Cold War (Pape 2)	rMedicine (Paper 1 – Section B)		Nazi Germany, 1918- 39	
	,		Injuries, treatment and the		
 Queen, government and 	• The origins of the Cold War:	• c1250-1500: Medicine in	trenches. (Paper 1 – Section A)	Hitler's rise to power	
religion, 1558-69: The	Early tension between East and	medieval England: Ideas about		(continued): The Munich	
situation on Elizabeth's	West / The development of the	causes, Approaches to	The Historic environment: The	Putsch and the lean years	
accession / The religious	Cold War / The Cold War	prevention & treatment –	British sector of the Western	/ Growth of support for	
settlement / Challenges / The	intensifies.	supernatural & religious / 4-	Front, 1914-18: injuries,	the Nazis / How Hitler	
problem of Mary, Queen of		humours / miasma / Galen &	treatment and the trenches /	became chancellor	
Scots.		Hippocrates / New and	Knowledge selection and use of		
		traditional approaches. Case		Nazi control and	
Challenges to Elizabeth:	 Cold War crises: Increased 	study – Black Death		dictatorship: Creation of	
Plots and revolts / Relations	tension between East and West /		<u> </u>	a dictatorship / Police	
with Spain / Outbreak of war	Cold War crises / Reaction to	• c1500-c1700: The Medical		State / Controlling &	
with Spain / Armada	crisis.	Renaissance in England: Ideas	• Describe two features of (4	influencing ideas /	
		about causes, Approaches to	marks)	Opposition, resistance &	
• Elizabethan Society:	The end of the Cold War:	prevention & treatment –	How useful are Sources A and B	conformity.	
Education and leisure /	Attempts to reduce tension /	_	for an enquiry into (8 Marks)		
poverty / Exploration /	Flashpoints / The collapse of the	Scientific approach / Thomas	How could you follow up Source		
Raleigh & Virginia	Soviet Union	Sydenham / Printing Press /	X to find out more about (4	Nazi policies towards	
		Royal society / Vesalius. Case	marks)	women / Nazi policies	
		studies – William Harvey and		towards the young /	
Exam style questions:	Exam style questions:	Great Plague 1665	•	Employment & living	
			_	standards / persecution	
'Religion was the main	Write a narrative account	• c1700-c1900: Medicine in 18 th		of minorities.	
cause of the Revolt of the	analysing the key events of the	and 19 th Century England: Ideas	features and characteristics of the		



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Northern Earls in 1569-1570.' Grand Alliance peace How far do you agree? Explain vour answer (16 marks)

- 'Religion was the main reason England and Spain went to war in 1585.' How far do vou agree? Explain vour answer (16 marks)
- 'English tactics were the most significant reason why the Spanish Armada failed.' How far do vou agree? Explain vour answer. (16 marks)
- 'Relations with the Native Americans was the main Virginia Colonies.' How far do vou agree? Explain your answer. (16 marks)

Concepts:

- AO1 Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the key features and characteristics of the periods studied.
- AO2 Explain and analyse using second-order historical concepts (causation / consequence / similarity / difference / change / continuity / significance).

conferences1943-1945. (8 marks) prevention & treatment -

- Explain the importance of the Cuban Missile Crisis (1962) for relations between the USA and the Soviet Union. (8 marks)
- Write a narrative account analysing the key events of the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia. (8 marks)
- Explain the importance of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan in reason for the failure of the 1979 for relations between the USA and the Soviet Union. (8 marks)

Concepts:

- AO1 Demonstrate knowledge | medicine in Britain during the and understanding of the key features and characteristics of the How far do you agree? Explain periods studied.
- AO2 Explain and analyse historical events and periods using medicine in Britain during the historical events and periods second-order historical concepts (causation / consequence / similarity / difference / change / continuity / significance).

about causes. Approaches to Continuity and change / Germ Theory / Koch / Florence Nightingale / Surgery Vaccination. Case studies – Edward Jenner and Cholera -John Snow

• c1900-present: Medicine in modern Britain: Ideas about causes. Approaches to prevention & treatment -Advances in understanding (genetic & lifestyle) / Improvements in diagnosis / NHS / Science and technology / magic bullet / antibiotics / mass vaccinations / government campaigns. Case studies – Penicillin and Lung Cancer

Exam style questions:

- 'There was little progress in Middle Ages (c1250-1500).' vour answer (16 marks) There was little progress in
- Renaissance Period (c1500-1700).' How far do you agree? Explain your answer (16 Marks)
- 'Jenner's vaccination against smallpox was a breakthrough in the prevention of disease in

periods studied.

- AO2 Explain and analyse historical events and periods using • Inference question (4) second-order historical concepts (causation / consequence / similarity / difference / change / continuity / significance).
- AO3 Analyse, evaluate and use
 Comparing / analysing sources (contemporary to the period) to make substantial judgements, in the context of historical events studied.

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Modern depth study – Weimar and Nazi Germany. 1918-39 (Paper 3)

- The Weimar Republic: The origins of the Republic / Challenges to the Republic / The recovery / Changes in society.
- Hitler's rise to power: Hitler's early career / growth of the party knowledge and role of the SA

Exam style questions:

- marks)
- How useful are Sources A and B for an enquiry into... (8 marks)
- interpretations (8 marks) How far do you agree with interpretation 2 about the reasons for increased support for the Nazis in the vears 1929-32? Explain your answer, using both interpretations and your own knowledge of the historical context (16

Concepts:

marks)

• AO1 – Demonstrate understanding of the key features and characteristics of the periods studied. • AO2 – Explain and analyse historical events and periods using second-order historical concepts (causation / consequence / similarity / difference / change / continuity / significance). AO3 – Analyse, evaluate and use sources (contemporary to the



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		Britain during the period c1700-		period) to make		
		c1900.'		substantial judgements,		
		How far do you agree? Explain		in the context of		
		your answer. (16 marks)		historical events studied.		
		'Treatment of disease and		 AO4 – Analyse, evaluate 		
		care of the sick completely		and use sources to make		
		changed after c1800.'		substantial judgements		
		How far do you agree? Explain		about interpretations		
		your answer. (16 marks)		(including how and why		
				interpretations may		
		Concepts:		differ) in the context of		
		• AO1 – Demonstrate		historical events studied.		
		knowledge and understanding of				
		the key features and				
		characteristics of the periods				
		studied.				
		AO2 – Explain and analyse				
		historical events and periods				
		using second-order historical				
		concepts (causation /				
		consequence / similarity /				
		difference / change / continuity				
		/ significance).				
	AP1	-	P2	-	IP3	
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	Winter Mock Exams	Spring 1 Assessment	Spring 2 Mock Exams	External Summer National Exams		
t	Paper 2: British depth study - Early Elizabethan England and	Exam style 16 mark question			External Summer National Exams	
Impact	Period study – Superpower relations and the Cold War	Exam style 10 mark question	History of Medicine and Historic			
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			Sector of the Western Front,			
			1914-18: Injuries, treatment and			
			the trenches.			