

Year 12 History

History A level includes three elements, two of which prepare for written examinations and one lead to the independent production of a 'non examined assessment' piece of writing. The topics studied all draw on the foundation of historical knowledge and understanding established in years 7 to 11: 'Stuart Britain' leads directly on from the Elizabethan England unit at GCSE as well as drawing on knowledge from year 8; the 'Cold War' overlaps and extends the Conflict and Tension and USA units of GCSE and the 'NEA' focus on the causes of the Russian Revolution retrieves knowledge acquired in year 9 and again at GCSE. Different Brain in Gear activities are utilised to retrieve existing knowledge, revisit skills and introduce new topics and ideas, with the existing historical skills already acquired further developed and refined to meet the standard required at A level.

Year 12 Curriculum	Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2	Spring Term 1	Spring Term 2	Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
Topic(s) The Cold War, 1945-1963 Stuart Britain, 1603-1649 NEA	Origins of the Cold War, c1945-1949 US, British and USSR conflicting ideologies and developing tensions. Stuart Britain formation: 1603-18 Position of Stuart monarchy in 1603; successes and failures of James I. Skills intro: using historical evidence at A level	Origins of the Cold War, c1945-1949 The USA's involvement in Europe. Conflict over Germany: Berlin blockade; formation of NATO. Stuart Britain under attack 1618-29 Increasing foreign policy problems; Charles I. Skills: formulating lines of argument	Widening of the Cold War, 1949-55 US containment in action in Asia: policy towards China and Taiwan; The Korean War: Consolidation, 1629-40? Personal Rule of Charles I: court; finance; Background knowledge: Russia 1825-1917	Widening of the Cold War, 1949-55 Increasing Cold War tensions: US as 'world policeman. Warsaw Pact; SEATO; French in Indo-China. Challenge, 1629-40? Growth of radical opposition; religious conflict; Bishops Wars Skills development: historiography	The Global War, 1955-1963 Khrushchev and: 'peaceful coexistence', Arms race / space race; Berlin Crisis; U2 affair. Stuarts at war 1640-46 Descent into war: Long Parliament. First Civil War. Drafting work	The Global War, 1955-1963 Conflict in Asia: Vietnam War. Confrontation between the superpowers: Cuban missile crisis. Impact of war 1646-49 Failure to settle; Second Civil War; abolition of monarchy. Drafting work

Assessment	Regular extract/ essay questions: evaluating interpretations /reaching and justifying conclusions on causation /significance	Regular extract/ essay questions: evaluating interpretations /reaching and justifying conclusions on causation /significance	Regular extract/ essay questions: evaluating interpretations /reaching and justifying conclusions on causation /significance	Regular extract/ essay questions evaluating interpretations /reaching and justifying conclusions on causation /significance	Mock exam: evaluating interpretations /reaching and justifying conclusions on causation /significance	Discussion of first draft NEA
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Independent Work

Students will be expected to complete a significant amount of independent work preparing for lessons e.g. background reading and research, as well as completing extract exercises, writing essays and skills tasks. Towards the end of the year preparation for the NEA will dominate independent work and require extensive reading, note taking and 'essay planning'.