

Course information for Parents

Year/ Key Stage: 4 Subject: History

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Examination Board

AQA

Specification Code

8145

Subject Content: The AQA GCSE course is designed to be taught over three years (Year 9 – 11). Students begin their GCSE course in Year 9 with the first topic they study being Germany 1890 – 1945 which is taught during the Autumn and Spring terms. In the Summer term of Year 9 students will study the first half of the Conflict & Tension in Asia 1950 – 1975 unit focussing on the causes, main events and consequences of the Korean and Vietnam Wars. At the end of Year 9 all students will complete a PPE on the topics they have covered throughout the year. In Year 10 students will start their British Depth Study which focuses on Elizabethan England, this is covered during the Autumn and Spring terms of Year 10. In the Summer of Year 10 students will start their final unit on Migration, Empires and the People as well as sitting an end of Year PPE based on what they have covered in Years 9 and 10.

In Year 11, students will complete their Migration, People's and Empires unit in the Autumn term as well as sit both a Walking Talking Exam as well as a PPE in preparation for their exams at the end of Year 11. All students will be revising and completing exam questions in the Spring and Summer terms of Year 11 to prepare them for their exams in June of Year 11.

Additional Equipment Needed (Ingredients, headphones, PE kit, etc.)

All students will be supplied with an exercise book in their first lesson and will need no other equipment for their History lessons apart from their standard school stationary.

Assessment Details:

To be successful students will need to be able to: Each aspect of the course will be assessed using GCSE style questions (a mixture of four, eight, twelve and sixteen mark questions) that will require students to be able to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of the topics when answering questions based on different sources and interpretations of historical events during each period studied. There will also be an extended response question. All assessments in GCSE History will be graded using the new 9 – 1 grading system along with the AQA exam board mark schemes and grade boundaries.

Each assessment point will be preceded by a skills lesson that aims to support students in the planning, revision and writing of their responses to the questions under timed exam conditions – to prepare them for their actual GCSE exams at the end of Year 11.

What can I do to support my child at home?

For each of the units that your child will be studying during their GCSE History course we will be providing them with a Personalised Check List (PLC) as well as electronic copies of the revision booklets that they will also need. In addition there will be a suite of revision materials that can be found on our Google Apps site (the students will be shown how to access these materials in their first lesson) and can be accessed both inside and outside of school. You can support your child by having regular discussions with them about the topics on their PLC's and how secure they feel their knowledge and understanding of each topic is.

Recommended resources for the course:**Websites:**

<http://www.mrallsophistory.com/revision/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/history/mwh/>

<http://www.johndclare.net/>

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Books:

Oxford AQA GCSE History, *Germany 1890-1945 – Democracy and Dictatorship*, Aaron Wilkes, J.A. Cloake.

Oxford AQA GCSE History, *Conflict and Tension in Asia 1950-1975*, Lindsay Bruce and Aaron Wilkes

Oxford AQA GCSE History, *Thematic Studies c790-Present Day*, Lindsay Bruce, J.A. Cloake, Kevin Newman, Aaron Wilkes

Oxford AQA GCSE History, *British Depth Study c1066-1685*, Lorraine Waterson and Tim Williams

These textbooks are suggested purchases and are by no means essential purchases.

Anything else: All GCSE History students are able to access a bespoke suite of PowerPoint presentations, videos, revision guides and exam skills templates from the History@Hazeley website using the link below – students just need their school email address and password to access the site, a how to guide has also be uploaded onto the school website as well.

<https://sites.google.com/a/thehazeleyacademy.com/histo/home/key-stage-4-history>

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