NKS History Curriculum Map 2022







The purpose of studying History at NKS is...

At NKS, History is a valued academic discipline which aims to broaden understanding of political, economic, social, military, cultural and intellectual developments in the past. The NKS History Department has constructed a cumulative curriculum which aspires to broaden and refine subject knowledge from Years 7-13. Students are taught how to communicate their ideas effectively, in written answers and verbally. We enable students to analyse the events which continue to shape our lives on a local, national and global level. The History Department's aim is to create self-assured and resilient learners, with the ability to think critically about the past, and gain a level of mastery in subject knowledge. This critical thinking is applied in the evaluation of historical sources and interpretations, whilst also allowing students to immerse themselves in contemporary controversies involving History (e.g. empire, immigration etc). By allowing students to explore the events and ideas which have fed into the debate about 'British Values', they will gain a more complex and secure appreciation of concepts like tolerance, democracy, liberty, endeavour, diversity, responsibility and community.

Year 7

Prior to joining NKS students will have studied the National Curriculum History topics up to and including Anglo-Saxon England Our curriculum builds on and extends this by extending the chronology into the medieval era and introducing specialist historical concept and debates.

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Content – Knowledge and Understanding	Why was 1066 a year of crisis in England? Anglo-Saxon England, 1066 and after How did Ashford develop in the Anglo-Saxon and Norman era?	Why was the Medieval Church so powerful? Does Becket deserve the reputation of Martyr? England: Church, Crown and People	In breaking from Rome, was Henry VIII driven more by love, money or power? Reformation/Tudors	How did the power of the monarchy change over the 17 th C? Why did the English go to war with themselves in 1642? English Civil War to Glorious Revolution/Evidence	Why did the British have an empire and how did it evolve over time?	From conquest to contribution: how has immigration to the British Isles changed over 2,000 years? 2000 Years of Migration to Britain/ long-term change
Examples of skills and concepts	Causation and consequence e.g. Kingship	Introducing Historical Interpretations	Causation and consequence Lutheran	Change and Continuity Historical Evidence (inference	Historical Evidence (evaluating) Mughal Empire	Long-Term Change & Continuity Knowledge and communication
(For a full list of	Primogeniture	The Church (as organisation not a	Protestant	and utility)	Colony Imperialism	Anglo-Saxons
substantive	Claim (to throne)	building)	Catholic	C: 'IW	Company (e.g. East India)	Normans
concepts, see	Legitimacy	Roman Catholic Church	Heir	Civil War Parliament	Profit Cash Crops	Huguenots Black Tudors/Georgians
SOW)	Illegitimacy	Pope/Papacy	Corruption	Absolute Monarchy	Natives/Native populations	Settlement
	Monarchy Oath	Faith	Royal Finances Papacy	Taxation	Conquer	Refugees
	Earl	Power Pilgrimage	Corruption	Parliamentary Privilege	Slavery Indentured servitude	Lascars Anti-Semitism
	Lan	Heaven/Hell	Corruption		Rebellion	Pogrom
		neavel/ neil	Corruption		Sepoys Mutiny Raj Interpretation	Windrush Generation
Assessment	Why did William win the Battle of Hastings? Essay	Does Becket deserve to be known as a martyr? Museum Display	In breaking from Rome, was Henry VIII driven more by love, money or power? Essay	What can 17 th C sources reveal about the causes of the English Civil War? Speech	How useful are the sources for an historian studying the British defeat at Isandlwana? Essay	End of year exam TBC
Enrichment and extension	Student Alternative History Society Trip and/or History Enrichment Day					



Our Y8 curriculum builds on and extends the work done in Y7 both chronologically and conceptually. Units are sequenced to encompass more mature areas of study e.g. Slavery, the Holocaust and the causes of WWI. The tasks require more a greater level of independence for example, in researching the topics, for example, in terms 1.

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Content – Knowledge and Understanding	Slave Trade/Industrial Revolution/Local vs National	WWI – trench warfare; Allied victory/German defeat	Treaty of Versailles Dictators' methods of control Causes of WWII	WWII – key turning point Dunkirk – interpretations Why did the Allies win WWII?	Holocaust	Evolution of Democracy and Rights in Britain 19th-20 th C
Examples of skills and concepts (For a full list of substantive concepts, see SOW)	Change and Continuity Triangular trade; slavery; Middle Passage; Human Rights Plantation Social impact Urbanisation Migration Revolution Industry Entrepreneurs Factories Working class	Historical evidence Assassination Imperialism Nationalism (incl Balkan nationalism) Militarism Alliance System Revanchism Pan-Slavism Great Power conflict Expansionism War of movement Trench Warfare Trench Machine gun Artillery War on two fronts Infantry Cavalry	Historical Interpretations Treaty Disarmament Polish Corridor Concession Reparations Propaganda Terror Control Secret Police Camps Repression Coercion Consent Nazi ideology Expansionism Anti-Semitism Anti-communism	Ultimatum Invasion Phoney War BEF Blitzkrieg Retreat/rout Evacuation Operation Sealion Fighter plane Bomber Radar Spitfire/Hurricane RAF/Luftwaffe Blitz Hiroshima	Interpretations Zyklon B Untermenschen T-4 Program Shoah Nuremberg Laws Ghetto Kristallnacht Lebensraum Holocaust Gas Chambers Concentration Camp Extermination Camp Resistance Auschwitz-Birkenau Antisemitism	Change and Continuity Peterloo Political Reform Suffragists Expansion of the Franchise Suffragettes Representation of the People Act 1969
Assessment	Group seminar task on different aspects of the Atlantic Slave Trade, and quiz	Source utility evaluation. Source question	Did the dictators rule more through terror or popularity? Museum display	Why did the Allies win WWII? Essay	Should we teach more about Jewish resistance to the Holocaust? Speech	End of year exam TBC
Enrichment and extension	Student Alternative History Society Trip and/or History Enrichment Day					



Our Y9 curriculum builds on and extends the work done in Y8 by summarising key themes in our GCSE foundation course. Students begin with the thematic study (Britain: Health & the People) to promote chronological understanding in the light of the foundation course. The curriculum is broadened out by a highly-focused depth study on Norman England in Terms 4-6.

Units are sequenced to help students: develop and extend their knowledge and understanding of specified key events, periods and societies in local, British, and wider world history; and of the wide diversity of human experience; engage in historical enquiry to develop as independent learners and as critical and reflective thinkers; develop the ability to ask relevant questions about the past, to investigate issues critically and to make valid historical claims by using a range of sources in their historical context; develop an awareness of why people, events and developments have been accorded historical significance and how and why different interpretations have been constructed about them; organise and communicate their historical knowledge and understanding in different ways and reach substantiated conclusions.

It prepares students for the GCSE programme by covering the required topics and exam question

Paper 1: Germany/WWI; Paper 2: Health & the People/Norman England

	Term 1-2	Term 3 - 4	Term 5-6			
Content – Knowledge and Understanding	Foundation Course - 1000 year 'big history': Politics Economics Society Culture Military Science BRITISH HISTORY: THEMATIC STUDY: Britain: Health and the People 1000 A.D. – the present Medieval and Early Modern Medicine	BRITISH HISTORY: THEMATIC STUDY: • Britain: Health and the People 1000 A.D. – the present • 19 th and 20 th C Health BRITISH HISTORY: DEPTH STUDY • Norman England 1066-1100: Conquest	BRITISH HISTORY: DEPTH STUDY • Norman England • Consolidation/ Methods of Control • Methods: Conciliation • Methods: Repression • Harrying of the North • Hereward the Wake			
Examples of skills and concepts	AO1: demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the key features and characteristics of the period studied. AO2: explain and analyse historical events and periods studied using second-order historical concepts like continuity, change, cause, consequence, significance, similarity and difference. AO3: analyse, evaluate and use sources (contemporary to the period) to make substantiated judgements, in the context of historical events studied. AO4: analyse, evaluate and make substantiated judgements about interpretations (including how and why interpretations may differ) in the context of historical events studied.					
Assessment	Weekly Quizzes to assist long-term memory Exam questions from the relevant exam paper. Peer and/or teacher assessed	Weekly Quizzes to assist long-term memory Exam questions from the relevant exam paper. Peer and/or teacher assessed	Weekly Quizzes to assist long-term memory Exam questions from the relevant exam paper. Peer and/or teacher assessed End of year test			
Enrichment and extension	NKS GCSE Foundation course – based on degree structure – online thematic lectures followed up by class activities					



Our Y10 curriculum builds on and extends the work done in Y9 by developing student understanding of the impact of the Normans. Students are given the opportunity to revise their Y9 Health topic in preparation for a PPE in in (usually Term 3). Paper 1 (modern history) is scheduled after paper 2 because of paper 1's greater level of conceptual challenge (e.g. left-wing/right-wing). Y10 are more likely to access such things at a deeper level than in Y9. At the end of term 6 we return to the Normans Depth Study to tackle the Historic Environment topic as the exam board will have published the necessary resource pack, by that point. We use this as an opportunity to revise the topic in the light of that resource pack. Students sit a Normans PPE.

	Term 1-2	Term 3 - 4	Term 5-6			
Content – Knowledge and Understanding	Norman England 1066-1100 (cont'd) Impact on society and economy Impact on religion Impact on culture, education etc.	Germany 1890-1945 Kaiser Wilhelm and the problems facing the Second Reich Weimar Germany and rise of Hitler	Nazi Germany: Nazi Rule and impact on Society Nazi Economy; Impact of war; Opposition to the Nazis Evolution of anti-Semitic policies Term 6 Normans Historic Environment Study.			
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			weekly Quizzes to assist long-term memory			
	AO4: analyse, evaluate and make substantiated judgements about interp	pretations (including how and why interpretations may differ) in the context	Weekly Quizzes to assist long-term memory			
	AO4: analyse, evaluate and make substantiated judgements about interpolation. Weekly quizzes to assist long-term memory Exam questions from the relevant exam paper. Peer and/or teacher	Weekly Quizzes to assist long-term memory Exam questions from the relevant exam paper. Peer and/or teacher	Weekly Quizzes to assist long-term memory Exam questions from the relevant exam paper. Peer and/or teacher			
Assessment	AO4: analyse, evaluate and make substantiated judgements about interpolation. Weekly quizzes to assist long-term memory Exam questions from the relevant exam paper. Peer and/or teacher	Weekly Quizzes to assist long-term memory Exam questions from the relevant exam paper. Peer and/or teacher assessed	Weekly Quizzes to assist long-term memory Exam questions from the relevant exam paper. Peer and/or teacher assessed			
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Our Y11 curriculum builds on and extends the work done in Y10 by revising/summarising any necessary topics from the previous two terms (especially Germany) (*Summer 2020 changes – email rgray@nks.kent.sch.uk for details). The WWI topic is scheduled after the study of Germany so that students can better understand the diplomatic events of the 1890s-1914, having already briefly studied the Kaiser's foreign policy plans and methods as part of the Germany 1890-1945 topic.

Students take a full Paper 2 PPE in Nov to provide another revision stepping-stone, bridging the gap between Y9 and the end of Y11. Students sit a full Paper 1 PPE in the more recent topics (Germany and WWI) in Feb/March.

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Content – Knowledge and Understanding	Germany 1890-1945 - revision WWI Causes WWI 1894-1914 Tensions and international crises		Course of WWI 1914-1918 Development of trench warfare, key battles (Verdun, Somme etc.) Reasons for Allied victory in Nov 1918 Revision		Revision	
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Examples of skills	AO1: demonstrate knowledge and und			ity change cause consequence	cionificance cimilarity and difference	
	AO4: analyse, evaluate and make subs	s (contemporary to the period) to metantiated judgements about interpre	nake substantiated judgements, in the contestations (including how and why interpretations)	ntext of historical events studied. tations may differ) in the context of	of historical events studied.	e.
Assessment	AO3: analyse, evaluate and use source	s (contemporary to the period) to metantiated judgements about interpre	nake substantiated judgements, in the con	ntext of historical events studied. tations may differ) in the context of the co		e.
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Prior to commencing A Level students will have studied GCSE History. An understanding of students' starting points is achieved by an initial piece of writing in the first two weeks. Our Y12 curriculum builds on and extends on this by offering new topics and eras of study as well as more advanced skills and conceptual challenge.

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Content –	Component 1: Russia 1855-17 and 1	917-64		The collapse of autocracy, 1894—	1917	
Knowledge and Understanding	 Russia in 1855 and the impact Political authority and attempth domestic and military reform Government and Tsars: Alexa autocracy; key developments Political authority in action: R Opposition: ideas and ideolog Economic and social developments 	e of Russia: autocracy; the political	ation of the serfs and attempts at attitudes to and imposition of norities and Jews groups and the Tsarist reaction the land issue; social divisions;	 Political authority, government and Tsar; Nicholas II as ruler: political developments to 1914; 1905 Revolution; Duma government Economic developments to 1914: industrial and agricultural growth and change Social developments to 1914: change and conditions of working and living in towns and countryside; social divisions; cultural changes Opposition: ideas and ideologies, liberalism, socialism; Marxism; individuals and radical groups Political authority, opposition and the state of Russia in wartime: the political, economic and social problems of wartime; opposition and the collapse of autocracy; the political developments of 1917 Political authority, opposition and government: the Bolshevik takeover and the establishment of Bolshevik government by December 1917; opposition 		
	 Development of vendettas/blo The uneasy peace 1455-59. The War of the Barons, 1459- Military developments Political developments Yorkist Victory 	1450: gs ule; s of the emerging power and influence of St All 1461	nce of Richard of York 1450-55 bans	The Triumph of the Yorkists 1461 The personal rule of Edward Consolidation of power and Political impact of his marri Treatment and promotion of Warwick the Kingmaker Attempts to restore Henry V NEA – Students choosing NEA que	IV dealing with pockets of Lancastri age to Elizabeth Woodville Woodvilles	
Examples of skills and concepts	and exploring concepts, as relevant, or AO2 Analyse and evaluate appropriate	nunicate knowledge and understand f cause, consequence, change, conti- e source material, primary and/or co		storical context.	king substantiated judgements	
Assessment	 Weekly Quizzes Regular timed essays Pre-Public Exams (mocks) Revision games/activiteis Presentations 					
Enrichment and extension options	 Previous years have included: Debate activities Student History Conference NKS Alternative History Social 	ety				



- Lecture visits/online
- Visits to local universities such as Kent University

(There may be the possibility of future residential trips after restrictions are lifted)



Our Y13 curriculum builds on and extends the work done in Y12 by completing the study of the entire era. Students can expect questions drawn from a broader time period. The evaluation of sources and interpretations will take into account a greater level of maturity and contextual understanding. Units are sequenced to secure both chronological and thematic understanding in line with the specification set out by the exam board.

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
ontent – nowledge and nderstanding	The emergence of Communist dictatorship, 1917—1941 • Political authority and government: new leaders and ideologies; Lenin's Russia, ideology and change; Stalin's rise, ideology and change • Political authority and government: the consolidation of Bolshevik authority and development of the Stalinist dictatorship • Economic developments: Lenin's decrees; the Stalinist economy; collectivisation and the Five Year Plans • Social developments: effect of Leninist/Stalinist rule on class, women, young people, religion and national minorities; propaganda and cultural change • Opposition: faction; the Red Terror and the purges • The political, economic and social condition of the Soviet Union by 1941		The Stalinist dictatorship and reaction, 1941—1964 Political authority, opposition and the state of the Soviet Union in wartime: the political, economic and social impact of war, effect on Stalin, government and 'the people' Political authority and government to 1953: High Stalinism; the revival of terror; destruction of 'supposed' opposition and cult of personality; the power vacuum on Stalin's death Political authority and government: Khrushchev's rise to power; policies and ideology; de-Stalimsation; political and party change Economic and social developments: changes in industrial organisation from Stalin to Khrushchev; agriculture and the Virgin Lands scheme; social and cultural change from Stalin to Khrushchev Opposition: cultural dissidents; communist divisions; hardliners and reformers; opponents of Khrushchev and his fall from power The political, economic and social condition of the Soviet Union by 1964		Revision and final exams	
	 "The Sun in Splendour" Edward I The Consolidation of Royal Crushing rebels in Kent, Wa Pardons for former Lancastri Regional control The use of foreign policy to France, Burgundy, Scotland, New methods of government Factional rivalries Premature death of Edward I NEA Workshops, technique, write-	Authority les, John De Vere lans consolidate Ed's power in England: Brittany t V and problem of succession	The Downfall of the Yorkist Mona	of Gloucester RIII's position in 1484 asty 1486-99 VII ad his rebellion rkist cause ples of her intervention - strengths sh society by 1499 mmons	Revision and final exams	
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