Curriculum Summary Document

Year 11 – History

Power, Conflict and Change

Throughout Year 11, students investigate how individuals, governments and societies responded to challenges and change. Through studies of Elizabethan England and the American West, students examine themes of power, migration, conflict, religion and identity. They continue to develop the disciplinary concepts of causation, consequence, significance, interpretations and evidence, preparing them for success in GCSE History and future study.

Module/Unit of Learning	Taught During	What will students learn?	How does this help to build a broad and strong foundation?	Links to Other Subjects
Early Elizabethan England Key Topic 1: What problems did Elizabeth face with religion and government? **Early Elizabethan England Key Topic 2: What challenges did Elizabeth face at home and abroad?**	Autumn One	Students investigate the challenges Elizabeth I faced at the start of her reign, including religious divisions, the organisation of government, threats from rivals and foreign powers, and key political events that shaped England during the early years of Elizabeth's rule.	Students develop their understanding of causation, significance and historical interpretations while examining how rulers establish and maintain power in periods of uncertainty.	Politics, Religious Studies, English
Early Elizabethan England Key Topic 3: What changed in Elizabethan Society?	Autumn Two	Students explore changes in Elizabethan society, including education, leisure, attitudes towards poverty and England's growing exploration of the wider world. Students consider how social and cultural developments shaped everyday life.	Students develop understanding of social, economic and cultural change while strengthening their ability to analyse change and continuity over time.	Geography, English, Life: Citizenship
American West Key Topic 1: How did the colonisation of the Plains begin? **American West Key Topic 2: How effective will the**	Spring One	Students investigate the lives of Indigenous peoples of the Great Plains and examine how migration and settlement transformed the region. They explore the development of settlements and the impact of westward expansion on different groups.	Students develop an understanding of consequence, diversity and historical perspectives while examining	Geography, Life: Citizenship, Sociology

settlements on the Plains become?			competing experiences of migration and settlement.	
American West Key Topic 3: Why will there be tensions between Cowboys and Settlers? **American West Key Topic 4: How will Manifest Destiny be achieved?**	Spring Two	Students investigate conflict on the Great Plains, including the cattle industry, farming, westward expansion and government policies towards Indigenous peoples. They examine how Manifest Destiny contributed to the destruction of traditional ways of life.	Students strengthen their understanding of causation, consequence and significance while analysing the impact of government policy and economic change.	Geography, Life: Politics/Citizenship
GCSE History Revision and Exam Preparation	Summer One	Through retrieval practice, exam-question workshops and targeted revision, students strengthen their knowledge of Medicine Through Time, Weimar and Nazi Germany, Early Elizabethan England and the American West.	Students consolidate historical knowledge and develop confidence in applying evidence, interpretations and examination techniques across all GCSE papers.	
Exams Completed	Summer Two			