Year 11 Curriculum Implementation: History

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
	Section A: Wider World Study from AQA Paper 1 - Understanding the modern world.	Section A: Wider World Study from AQA Paper 1 - Understanding the modern world.	Section B British Depth study Elizabethan England Paper 2- Shaping the Nation.	Section B British Depth study Elizabethan England Paper 2- Shaping	Revision and exam technique for all areas on the GCSE.	N/a
Knowledge & Skills	America 1920 to 1973 opportunity and inequality  Part 1: American people and the 'Boom' (1920s):  •The economic boom  •Social and cultural developments  •A divided society  Part 2: Bust – Americans' experiences of the Depression and New  Deal (1930s–1945):  • The Great Depression  • The New Deal  • The Second World War	Part 3: Post-war America (1945–1973)  • Post-war society  • The Civil Rights Movement  • The 'Great Society' and social change	Part 1: Elizabeth's court and parliament.  • Elizabeth's character and challenges for a female ruler  • Court structure and patronage.  • Parliament, early rebellions and succession Part 2: life in Elizabethan times  • 'Golden Age' and culture  • Exploration  • Poverty and society	the Nation.  Part 3: troubles at home and abroad  The Religious Settlement  Catholic threats  Mary Queen of Scots  Rebellions  Puritan challenges  Conflict with Spain Part4: The historical environment depth study.  Spanish Armada for 2025-26	Teaching staff will use the remaining contact time they have with students to focus on past questions from across all areas of the GCSE. Specifically focussing revision and developing exam technique to continue to support students and ensure they are prepared for their exams.	
Links to prior learning	Studying 1920s and 1930s America links with the KS3 curriculum by building on foundational concepts such as diversity, empire, societal change, and power, which are across the Balshaw's curriculum in Year 9.	Studying 1940s to 1970s America links with the KS3 curriculum by building on foundational concepts such as diversity, empire, societal change, and power, which are across the Balshaw's curriculum in Year 9.	Studying Elizabethan England links with the KS3 curriculum by building on foundational concepts such as monarchy, religious change, societal change, and power, which are across the Balshaw's curriculum in Years 7 and 8.	Studying Elizabethan England links with the KS3 curriculum by building on foundational concepts such as monarchy, religious change, societal change, and power, which are across the Balshaw's curriculum in Years 7 and 8.	Overall, the AQA GCSE History topics can be linked to the KS3 curriculum by highlighting continuity and change, exploring cause and effect, examining different historical interpretations, all of which embedded from Year 7 to 9 at Balshaw's.	
Assessment	In GCSE History, teachers use a blend of formative assessments to guide learning and summative assessments to measure student progress and exam readiness. These assessment methods include:  •GCSE Pod activity and quiz results  •Completing practice questions  •Extended writing tasks  •Targeted questioning and class discussions  •Concept mapping tasks  •Quizzes and factual recall tasks  •Peer and self-assessment tasks	In GCSE History, teachers use a blend of formative assessments to guide learning and summative assessments to measure student progress and exam readiness. These assessment methods include:  •GCSE Pod activity and quiz results  •Completing practice questions  •Extended writing tasks  •Targeted questioning and class discussions  •Concept mapping tasks  •Quizzes and factual recall tasks  •Peer and self-assessment tasks	In GCSE History, teachers use a blend of formative assessments to guide learning and summative assessments to measure student progress and exam readiness. These assessment methods include:  •GCSE Pod activity and quiz results  •Completing practice questions  •Extended writing tasks  •Targeted questioning and class discussions  •Concept mapping tasks  •Quizzes and factual recall tasks  •Peer and self-assessment tasks	In GCSE History, teachers use a blend of formative assessments to guide learning and summative assessments to measure student progress and exam readiness. These assessment methods include:  •GCSE Pod activity and quiz results  •Completing practice questions  •Extended writing tasks  •Targeted questioning and class discussions  •Concept mapping tasks  •Quizzes and factual recall tasks  •Peer and self-assessment tasks	<ul> <li>GCSE Pod activity and quiz results</li> <li>Completing practice questions</li> </ul>	
Home learning	All teachers within the department will instruct students to regularly use GCSE POD to watch relevant clips and make revision cards/ notes. This is the main task that teachers will set as homework throughout Years 10 and 11. In addition to GCSE Pod teachers may also set:  •Research and make fact files, revision mats or mind map tasks •They will be asked to prep for tests with revision and complete past papers •Students will also be directed to revision groups as and when is needed	All teachers within the department will instruct students to regularly use GCSE POD to watch relevant clips and make revision cards/ notes. This is the main task that teachers will set as homework throughout Years 10 and 11. In addition to GCSE Pod teachers may also set:  • Research and make fact files, revision mats or mind map tasks • They will be asked to prep for tests with revision and complete past papers • Students will also be directed to revision groups as and when is needed	All teachers within the department will instruct students to regularly use GCSE POD to watch relevant clips and make revision cards/ notes. This is the main task that teachers will set as homework throughout Years 10 and 11. In addition to GCSE Pod teachers may also set:  •Research and make fact files, revision mats or mind map tasks •They will be asked to prep for tests with revision and complete past papers •Students will also be directed to revision groups as and when is needed		All teachers within the department will instruct students to regularly use GCSE POD to watch relevant clips and make revision cards/ notes. This is the main task that teachers will set as homework throughout Years 10 and 11. In addition to GCSE Pod teachers may also set:  •Research and make fact files, revision mats or mind map tasks •They will be asked to prep for tests with revision and complete past papers •Students will also be directed to revision groups as and when is needed	
Cultural Capital and extra- curricular opportunities	Studying 1920s and 1930s America provides students with significant cultural capital by immersing them in a period of intense social, economic, and cultural change that still resonates today. It equips them with the knowledge and context to understand and appreciate key elements of modern Western culture, while also providing critical insight into persistent societal issues.	Studying America from the 1940s to the 1970s for a GCSE History course offers significant cultural capital. It enables students to understand the origins of contemporary American society and culture, which have had a profound global impact. This topic engages them with significant societal changes, including the aftermath of war, the Civil Rights Movement and the Cold War.	Studying Elizabeth I and Elizabethan England contributes to a student's cultural capital by immersing them in a pivotal period of British and wider European history.	Studying Elizabeth I and Elizabethan England contributes to a student's cultural capital by immersing them in a pivotal period of British and wider European history.	Studying GCSE History builds cultural capital by equipping students with essential knowledge and skills that make them more engaged, empathetic, and informed citizens.	
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Careers Information, Education, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG)	GCSE History provides valuable and highly transferable skills sought by employers in diverse fields like management, law, and politics. Students notably develop their ability to analyse evidence, evaluate arguments, and construct their own reasoned conclusions, which prepares them for a wide range of career paths.	Transferable skills for further study and employment:  Critical thinking skills.  Reading, listening and writing skills  Class discussions and debating skills  Data analysis skills  Reading for argument and developing critical source analysis skills	Transferable skills for further study and employment:  Critical thinking skills  Reading, listening and writing skills  Class discussions and debating skills  Data analysis skills  Reading for argument and developing critical source analysis skills	Transferable skills for further study and employment:  Critical thinking skills  Reading, listening and writing skills  Class discussions and debating skills  Data analysis skills  Reading for argument and developing critical source analysis skills	Transferable skills for further study and employment:  Critical thinking skills  Reading, listening and writing skills  Class discussions and debating skills  Data analysis skills  Reading for argument and developing critical source analysis skills
Spirituality	Studying social change, persecution, and Prohibition in 1920s America for the AQA GCSE History syllabus can develop a student's spirituality by fostering introspection, empathy, and an understanding of complex human motivations.	Studying the USA from the 1940s to the 1970s for GCSE History provides many opportunities for spiritual development, which in an educational context is about encouraging reflection, self-awareness, empathy, and the search for meaning. This period is ripe with moral dilemmas, social upheaval, and the exploration of identity on both a national and individual scale.	Studying Elizabeth I and Elizabethan England for GCSE History offers students significant opportunities for empathy, moral reflection, and a sense of purpose. This is particularly enhanced by examining the struggles faced by women during this era, including Elizabeth herself.	Studying Elizabeth I and Elizabethan England for GCSE History offers students significant opportunities for empathy, moral reflection, and a sense of purpose. This is particularly enhanced by examining the struggles faced by women during this era, including Elizabeth herself.	Studying GCSE History develops a student's spirituality by encouraging reflection on the human condition, fostering empathy, and providing a sense of perspective and interconnectedness.
How can parents support the curriculum?	<ul> <li>Check that students have completed homework set by their teacher</li> <li>Discuss and ask them what they learnt in class today</li> <li>Take students to visit historical sites that link to their learning in class</li> <li>Watch linked documentaries or take up wider reading and research with your children at home</li> </ul>	Check that students have completed homework set by their teacher     Discuss and ask them what they learnt in class today     Take students to visit historical sites that link to their learning in class     Watch linked documentaries or take up wider reading and research with your children at home	Check that students have completed homework set by their teacher     Discuss and ask them what they learnt in class today     Take students to visit historical sites that link to their learning in class     Watch linked documentaries or take up wider reading and research with your children at home	Check that students have completed homework set by their teacher     Discuss and ask them what they learnt in class today     Take students to visit historical sites that link to their learning in class     Watch linked documentaries or take up wider reading and research with your children at home	Check that students have completed homework set by their teacher  Discuss and ask them what they learnt in class today?  Take students to visit historical sites that link to their learning in class  Watch linked documentaries or take up wider reading and research with your children at home