Westfield Academy - Curriculum Information

For GCSE History, students study topics from the Edexcel exam board. Students study topics which build upon their context knowledge from KS3 studying both British and International history. Students cover British history through their study of Elizabethan England and Crime & Punishment whilst covering aspects of international history through their studies of Weimar & Nazi Germany and the Cold War.

History – Key Stage 4		
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Lessons per 2-week cycle	5	
Specification/Board details/Key stage	Key Stage 4 Edexcel exam board	

Term by term

Year 9		
Autumn 1 – Elizabethan England	**Autumn 2 – Elizabethan England**	**Spring 1 – Crime & Punishment**
Problems facing Elizabeth The religious settlement of 1559 and its challenges Mary, Queen of Scots & Catholic Plots against Elizabeth	Spanish Armada war Sport, pastimes & leisure Education in Elizabethan England Rise in poverty Exploration	Saxon crime & punishment Role of the community, King and religion Norman changes to crime & punishment
Spring 2 - Crime & Punishment	**Summer 1 - Crime & Punishment**	**Summer 2 - Crime & Punishment**
Development of new crimes – witchcraft and gunpowder plot Changes to law enforcement and punishments	Social crime – highway robbery, poaching & smuggling Use of transportation and prisons as punishment Creation of the Met Police	Modern day crime – car and computer crime, drugs and race crime Changes to policing Abolition of the death penalty
Year 10		
Autumn 1 – Weimar & Nazi Germany	**Autumn 2 - Weimar & Nazi Germany**	**Spring 1 - Weimar & Nazi Germany**
Germany after WW1 Threats to the government & hyperinflation Role of Gustav Stresemann & Germany's recovery	Rise of Hitler within the Nazi Party Munich Putsch How the Nazi party gained support	Creation of a dictatorship in Germany Use of the SS, Gestapo and concentration camps Nazi control over courts and

	How Hitler became chancellor	the church Opposition to the Nazi's
Spring 2 - Weimar & Nazi Germany	**Summer 1 – Historic Environment: Whitechapel**	**Summer 2 - Revision**
Life for women in Nazi Germany Education in Nazi Germany Treatment of minority groups in Nazi Germany	Housing and accommodation Causes of crime in Whitechapel Policing in Whitechapel The ripper murders and the effect of the media in reporting the crimes	Retrieval and revision of KS4 context Year 10 mock exams
Year 11		
Autumn 1 – Superpower relations & the Cold War	**Autumn 2 - Superpower relations & the Cold War**	**Spring 1 - Superpower relations & the Cold War**
Communism vs Capitalism The grand alliance Division of Europe after WW2 (ideology, economic, political) Berlin blockade and airlift The arms race	Cold War crisis – Hungarian uprising, Cuban missile crisis and Prague Spring Building of the Berlin wall Détente Year 11 mock exams	1970's – decrease in tension and arms limits Soviet invasion of Afghanistan Gorbachev's new thinking Collapse of the USSR
Spring 2 – Revision	**Summer 1 - Revision**	
Retrieval and revision of KS4 context	Retrieval and revision of KS4 context	
Useful Websites	BBC Bitesize Pearson Edexcel Access to all lessons via students Google classroom	
Reading/Literacy requirements /Key Words	All lessons have a strong focus on literacy. In the course of their studies, students will complete reading of academic texts and learn how to spell and incorporate key historical terminology into their writing. Students will learn skills such as highlighting and summarising long passages of text as well as analysing historical sources. Students will spend time in lessons developing writing skills to support their performance in assessments. Both formative and summative assessments and feedback are used to support students in making progress throughout their key stage 4 course.	
Homework requirements	Homework will be set at appropriate times throughout the year to allow students the opportunity to consolidate their knowledge of content and skills. In years 10 and 11 students follow a "flipped learning" homework programme where students practice retrieval of prior knowledge at home which is used to develop skills in class through formative assessments.	

Personal Development Links	Lessons in history at KS4 allow students to build upon their knowledge gained at KS3 to develop a more detailed understanding of both British and world history. Students study allows them to understand and comment upon current affairs with confidence. Lessons allow students to become independent learners who develop skills in both reading and writing to analyse historical sources and develop their own judgements.
Trips/Visits (If applicable)	KS4 trips to Berlin and Krakow.