Westfield Academy - Curriculum Information

Students see the fruition of their work in history by developing a detailed understanding of key social, political and economic changes in Britain, the USA and Ireland. Students' literacy and writing skills culminate in the writing of a piece of coursework focussing on the success of the women's suffrage movement in Britain.

History – Key Stage 5		
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Lessons per 2-week cycle	10	
Specification/Board details/Key stage	Key Stage 5 Edexcel exam board	

Term by term

Year 12

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1
Britain transformed Changing political parties in Britain Economic challenges 1918-1979 1920's post-war boom **The USA: Boom, bust & recovery** Roaring 20's – economic boom Causes and consequences of the wall street crash Societal changes – the KKK, music, radio and cinema	**Britain transformed** Workers' rights Role of trade unions Breakdown of industrial relations Pre and post-WW2 welfare provision **The USA: Boom, bust & recovery** Effects of the great depression in the USA President Hoover's response to the depression FDR and the new deal	**Britain transformed** Changing role of healthcare and creation of the NHS Changing role of education in Britain Impact of WW1 and 2 on social class **The USA: Boom, bust & recovery** FDR and the second new deal Impact of the new deal on black & Hispanic Americans Social changes in 1940's America
Spring 2	**Summer 1**	**Summer 2**
Britain transformed The Liberal society Changing role of women in Britain Impact of immigration on race relations Impact of WW1 and 2 on living standards	**Britain transformed** Impact of radio, TV, music, sport and leisure in Britain Effect of Thatcher's social and economic policies for Britain Significance and impact of Thatcher's government	Revision and retrieval of Year 12 content Year 12 UCAS exams

<u>The USA: Boom, bust & recovery</u> Impact of WW2 on the USA WW2 and the economy Creation of towns & consumer boom McCarthyism and anti-communism	**<u>The USA: Boom, bust & recovery</u>** Cultural change – Hollywood, television and sport Role of women and minority groups Life for black Americans including desegregation of the armed forces and schools	
Year 13		
Autumn 1	**Autumn 2**	**Spring 1**
<u>Ireland & the Union</u> Home rule and the rise of nationalism UK policies towards Ireland in the 18th century. **<u>Coursework</u>** Taught skills element – Why did women achieve the vote in Britain? Coursework research	**<u>Ireland & the Union</u>** Changing attitudes of Britain towards Ireland Penal laws and restrictions on Irish trade **<u>Coursework</u>** Coursework research and writing	**<u>Ireland & the Union</u>** Industrialisation in Ireland – shipbuilding and textiles The Irish famine **<u>Coursework</u>** Coursework research and writing
Spring 2	**Summer 1**	
<u>Ireland & the Union</u> Irish land issue Working & living conditions The Dublin general strike **<u>Coursework</u>** Coursework research and writing	Revision and retrieval of Year 12 & 13 content Final A-Level exams	
Useful Websites	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 are supported in their planning and writing of essays which develop skills in making and explaining judgements. Through coursework, students develop independent research skills and analyse contrasting academic arguments around the women's suffrage movement. Students work in history at key stage 5 sees the fruition of the foundational skills that have been developed over the previous years.	
Homework requirements	Homework focuses on the following tasks ● Summarising core knowledge covered in lessons ● Extended reading	

	• Research • Current affairs • Extended writing & essay planning Retrieval practice is used as “flipped learning” homework in year 13 to embed knowledge and practice skills using formative assessments.
Personal Development Links	Lessons in history at KS5 allow students to build upon their knowledge gained throughout their studies in history to develop a more detailed understanding of both British and world history. Students take part in formal presentations and debates in lessons to develop skills in speaking and listening. Through the completion of coursework students also develop skills in referencing and research which will support them in future education or work placements.
Trips/Visits (If applicable)	KS5 walking tour of London