

Subject Overview HISTORY – Year 11

Students will cover the final topic of their GCSE course through two lessons per week. The third lesson is dedicated to retrieval of topics studied in year 10. They continue to develop their understanding of key historical skills and concepts from Key Stage 3 while learning about how key events of the past impact modern Britain and its landscape.

	Half Term 1	Half Term 2	Half Term 3	Half Term 4	Half Term 5
Knowledge & Skills	Unit 3c (cont from Y10): Germany 1890-1945: Life under the Nazis • Policies towards minority and religious groups • Opposition of the Nazi regime Practice question types: Which is the more important cause: X or Y? Unit 1a: The Norman Conquest 1066-c1100: Conquest & Control (12 Lessons) • The succession crisis in 1066 • Preparations for battle • The Battle of Hastings and reasons for its outcome • Norman repression and control Practice question types: Interpretations & Significance AP1 • Health • Causes of WWI • Life in Nazi Germany *3rd weekly lesson focusing on retrieval of Health topic	Unit 1b: The Norman Conquest 1066-c1100: Life Under the Normans (10 lessons) Knowledge gained: • Feudalism and military control • Norman government and law • Towns and villages Practice question types: Write an account AP2 • Health • World War One • Germany *3rd weekly lesson focusing on retrieval of World War One topic	Unit 1c: The Norman Conquest 1066-c1100: The Norman Church & Monasticism (6 lessons) Knowledge gained: • Norman reform of the Church • Relations between Church and state • Monasticism Practice question types: Write an account AP3 • WWI • Germany Unit 1d: The Norman Conquest 1066-c1100: The Historic Environment (8 lessons) Knowledge gained: Study of pre-set site associated with Norman England. For 2026 this will be Pevensey Castle. *3rd weekly lesson focusing on retrieval of Germany topic and / or issues raised by mocks exams.	Unit 1d (cont): Conflict & Tension 1894-1918: The Historic Environment Practice question types: X was the most important reason for Y. Checkpoint • Health • Norman Conquest Remaining curriculum time to be spent on revision and retrieval for GCSEs.	Remaining curriculum time to be spent on revision and retrieval for GCSEs.
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Beyond The Curriculum	• Suggested places to visit: Battle (Sussex), Bayeux* (Normandy). Any Norman castle e.g. Conisborough, York, Scarborough, Helmsley. • Suggested Reading: Conquest (medieval Saga Series); various articles in 'Hindsight' magazine for GCSE History students. • Suggested watching: Uncovering the Bayeaux Tapestry; The Normans (BBC Series, Episode 2); King & Conqueror (BBC: coming late 2025). *Tapestry will be at the British Museum from Autumn 2026 to July 2027.	• Suggested places to visit: Wharram Percy (medieval village), any medieval town e.g. York, Lincoln • Suggested Reading: various articles in 'Hindsight' magazine for GCSE History students.	• Suggested places to visit: Pevensey Castle, York Minster, Durham Cathedral, Fountain's Abbey, Rievaulx Abbey • Suggested Reading: In the Name of the Rose; various articles in 'Hindsight' magazine for GCSE History students.	
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