

Biddenham International School: History Curriculum



Key Enquiry Focus for KS3

- How were people ruled at the time?
- What did people believe at the time?
- How did people live at the time?
- How do we know this? (Work of professional historians, archaeologists or archivists)

GCSE Exam season - June:

Edexcel GCSE History
 Paper 1: Migrants in Britain, c800-present and Notting Hill, c1948-c1970
 Paper 2: Superpower relations and the Cold War, 1941-91 and Early Elizabethan England, 1558-88
 Paper 3: The USA, 1954-75: conflict at home and abroad



USA Conflict at Home and Abroad
 Paper 3 content focuses on the Black Civil Rights Movement in the USA and the Vietnam War; 1954-75

USA Mock
 After finishing the content for Paper 3, students sit a mock exam for it.

GCSE Revision
 Revisiting the key areas of each examined unit and practicing exam question techniques.

GCSE Year 3 Skills Consolidation and Content Acquisition and Consolidation

Origins of Racial Division in the USA
 A unit of study that goes from the US Civil War and the end of slavery to the birth of the modern civil rights movement.



Migration in Britain
 Paper 1 content focuses on migration within and to Britain from c800-present day and has a special focus on Notting Hill in the mid-20th century

Migration in Bedford
 A unit of study that builds up skills and local contextual knowledge in preparation for the migration examined unit while exploring the local migration story.

Cold War and Elizabeth Mock
 After finishing the full content for Paper 2, students sit a mock exam for it.

Year 11

GCSE Low-Stakes Assessments Key Topic Knowledge Tests, Quizzes and Exam Question Practice

Migration Mock
 After finishing the content for Paper 1, students sit a mock exam for it.

Superpower Relations and the Cold War, 1944-92
 This section of Paper 2 content focuses on the Cold War from 1944-92 and looks at it through the lens of the relationship between the USA and Soviet Union.

Cold War Mock
 After finishing the full content for Cold War, students sit a mock exam for it.



Year 10

GCSE Year 2 Skills Building and Content Acquisition

Elizabeth Mock
 After finishing the full content for Early Elizabethan England students sit a mock exam for it.

Origins of the Cold War
 A unit of study that helps students understand how the Cold War comes about and what divided the two sides.

Trip: National Cold War Exhibition
 A visit to the only museum exhibit in the UK dedicated to the Cold War.



Early Elizabethan England, 1558-88
 This section of Paper 2 content focuses on the first thirty years of Elizabeth I's reign and the changes that England underwent.

Trip: Hampton Court Palace
 A visit to the remaining parts of Henry VIII's home

Tudor Life
 A unit of study that explores how the seemingly unwanted second daughter of Henry VIII and an executed traitor ends up on the throne and the wider impact of the Tudors on English society.

History Project
 As an introduction to GCSE History, students are encouraged to show their historical skills and do a research project on a historical enquiry of their choosing.

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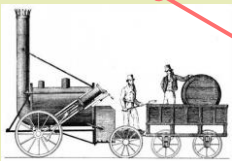
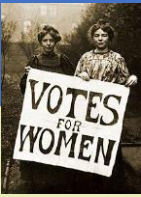
Marvellous Middle
 Creating an advert for a new Industrial invention.

Building a Fairer Britain
 The changes that allowed the sick or elderly to have pensions, women and working class men the vote and better treatment of the sick and poor.

Fabulous Finish
 A special day off timetable where students get to explore the 'what if' – what if they had been alive to run one of the protest movements studied this year. How would they have managed things?

Year 9

Carousel
 Two special one-off lessons looking at the debates around when Britain became a diverse country and comparing the US Black Civil Rights Movement to Black Lives Matter.



Industrial Britain
 The great changes that shaped Britain from the 1600s-1900s and how they changed the way we were ruled, lived and what we believed.

Marvellous Middle
 500 Word Story Competition

Holocaust Memorial Day – 27 January
 A day off timetable to explore the impact of the Holocaust and other genocides and reflect on the power kindness has when people are united against hatred.



Britain's Part in Slavery
 A close look at how Britain emerged as a small-scale trader and ended up running the largest European slave trade empire in history.

Fabulous Finish
 Creating a Declaration of the Rights of the Young Person

Trip: Royal Museums Greenwich (Marvellous Middle)
 A visit to the Cutty Sark and the National Maritime Museum including the special collections.



Growth of Revolutionary Ideas
 The shift towards using reason and logic and protesting against those abusing their power.

Age of Revolution, 1700s-1900s Tales of the Riverbank, Exploration and Tomorrow's World

Spectacular Start
 Agrarian Revolution – contrasting with the Neolithic Revolution.

British Empire
 The British systems of rule in Australia, India, Ireland and Parts of Africa and how those both challenged and supported people there and at home.

Haiti and Ireland
 Exploring the desire for self-rule and the fight against oppression based on race and religion.

American Colonies and France
 Comparing the similarities and differences between the birthplace of modern revolutions.



Year 8

Restoration under Charles II
 Changes in beliefs, ways of living and ruling as seen through key events like the Great Plague.

Trip: Cromwell House
 A visit to the home of Oliver Cromwell and the chance to decide if he was a hero or villain.

Fabulous Finish
 Creating a Restoration Comedy.



Spectacular Start
 Exploring the shift from seeing Africans and people of colour as equals or heroes to villains with no history or humanity.

KS3 Assessments. Baseline Tests, Essay Questions, Extended Writing, Source Work, Meanwhile, Elsewhere Homework

Marvellous Middle
 A travel guide to Cromwell's England.

The Tudors
 How the family came to power following the War of the Roses and through to the English Reformation.

Medieval Africa
 Learn about the similarities and differences between medieval Africa and Europe

Fabulous Finish
 Mapping a medieval village.

Marvellous Middle
 Creating rules for a new world order.

Angevin Empire
 Exploring how people in the Angevin Empire were ruled, lived and what they believed using the work of historians and the life of Eleanor of Aquitaine.



The Medieval World and the Early Modern World, 1066-1680s Belonging, Divide and Conquer and Commonwealth

British Civil War and Cromwell's Commonwealth
 The tipping point that pushes the country into civil war over religion and power sharing and its aftermath.

Spectacular Start
 Showcasing our royal portraits.

Fabulous Finish
 Creating your royal portrait.

Marvellous Middle
 500 Word Story Competition.

Spectacular Start
 Mapping your world – medieval style.



Medieval Turning Points
 Exploring key historical events such as the Magna Carta, Black Death and Peasants Revolt.

Spectacular Start
 Exploring the shift from nomadic hunter gatherers to settlements and farming, during the Neolithic Revolution, and its impact on future generations.

Year 7