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Year 12

Half Term (HT)	Topic Area / Focus	
	Students do two units in parallel, each with a different teacher. They have three double lessons per fortnight with each teacher. The summer assessments are on Paper 1 (England 1445-1509: Lancastrians, Yorkists, and Henry VII) and Paper 2 (Apartheid and Reconciliation: South African Politics 1948-1999).	
HT1	Establishing Apartheid. This part one of Unit Y224 of the OCR A Level History Course, Apartheid and Reconciliation: South African Politics 1948-1999. It is the Non-British Period Study (Paper 2) and accounts for 15% of the total A Level. Key skills: explanation; judgement essays.	Wars of the Roses 1445-1461 Part 1: The outbreak of the wars, 1445-1450 and Part 2: The early actions of Richard, Duke of York. This is part of the Enquiry Topic for Unit Y105 of the OCR A Level History Course, England 1445-1509: Lancastrians, Yorkists, and Henry VII. This unit is the British Period Study and Enquiry (Paper 1) and accounts for 25% of the total A Level. Key skills: source analysis and evaluation.
HT2	The Development of Apartheid and growing resistance. This part two of Unit Y224 of the OCR A Level History Course, Apartheid and Reconciliation: South African Politics 1948-1999. Key skills: explanation; judgement essays.	Wars of the Roses 1445-1461 Part 2: The early actions of Richard, Duke of York (continued) and Wars of the Roses 1445-1461 Part 3: War and the defeat of Richard, Duke of York. This is part of the Enquiry Topic for Unit Y105, of the OCR A Level History Course, England 1445-1509: Lancastrians, Yorkists, and Henry VII. Key skills: source analysis and evaluation.
HT3	The Collapse of Apartheid, 1978-1989.	Edward IV's first rule and the crisis of 1470-1471.



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	This part three of Unit Y224 of the OCR A Level History Course, Apartheid and Reconciliation: South African Politics 1948-1999. Key skills: explanation; judgement essays.	Edward IV and Richard III 1471-1485. This is part of the OCR A Level History Course, England 1445-1509: Lancastrians, Yorkists, and Henry VII. Key skill: judgement essays.
HT4	A new South Africa, 1989-1999. This part four of Unit Y224 of the OCR A Level History Course, Apartheid and Reconciliation: South African Politics 1948-1999. Key skills: explanation; judgement essays.	Edward IV and Richard III 1471-1485 (continued). Henry VII's rule in England 1485-1509. This is part of the OCR A Level History Course, England 1445-1509: Lancastrians, Yorkists, and Henry VII. Key skill: judgement essays. There is a visit to Parliament in HT4, to support the study of the late-mediaeval and early modern English political system.
HT5	Introduction to Russia and its Rulers. Alexander II Depth Study I: Alexander II's domestic reforms. This is part one of Unit Y318: Russia and its Rulers, 1855-1964. It is the Thematic Study and Historical Interpretations unit (Paper 3) and accounts for 40% of the total A Level. Key skills: Interpretations; synthesis and judgement.	Henry VII's foreign policy 1485-1509. This is part of the OCR A Level History Course, England 1445-1509: Lancastrians, Yorkists, and Henry VII. Key skill: judgement essays. Bridging unit: Henry VIII and the mid-Tudor crisis. This serves as an introduction to the Independent Investigation (Unit Y100) on Elizabeth I.



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HT6	Alexander III Depth Study I: Alexander II's domestic reforms. This is part one of Unit Y318: Russia and its Rulers, 1855-1964. Key skills: Interpretations; synthesis and judgement.	Elizabeth I: the Settlement of Religion. Elizabeth I: marriage and the succession. This is part of the taught introduction to the Independent Investigation (Unit Y100) on Elizabeth I. Key skills: interpretations and sources; judgement. There is a visit to Westminster Abbey in HT6 to support the study of Tudor monarchy.
Year 13		
Half Term (HT)	Topic Area / Focus Students do two units in parallel, each with a different teacher. They have three double lessons per fortnight with each teacher. The January mock exams are on Paper 1 (England 1445-1509: Lancastrians, Yorkists, and Henry VII) and Paper 2 (Apartheid and Reconciliation: South African Politics 1948-1999).	
HT1	Nicholas II and the Revolutions of 1917 This is part three of Unit Y318: Russia and its Rulers, 1855-1964. Key skills: Interpretations; synthesis and judgement. Timed interpretations assessment on Alexander III.	Elizabeth I: Parliament. Elizabeth I: the Privy Council. Elizabeth I: the Puritan threat. Elizabeth I: the Catholic threat. This is part of the taught introduction to the Independent Investigation (Unit Y100) on Elizabeth I.



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		Key skills: interpretations and sources; judgement. There is a workshop at the National Archives in HT1 to support the study of Elizabethan source material. There are three assessments (not part of the final coursework) to practise the AO2 and AO3 skills.
HT2	The Provisional Government and the Rule of Lenin. Depth Study II: The Provisional Government. This is part four of Unit Y318: Russia and its Rulers, 1855-1964. Key skills: Interpretations; synthesis and judgement. Timed interpretations assessment on the Provisional Government.	Independent Investigation (Unit Y100) on Elizabeth I. This is the independent research and writing phase of the investigation. Deadline for Part 1: end of HT2.
HT3	Stalin and Khrushchev. Depth Study III: Khrushchev. This is part five of Unit Y318: Russia and its Rulers, 1855-1964. Key skills: Interpretations; synthesis and judgement.	Independent Investigation (Unit Y100) on Elizabeth I. This is the independent research and writing phase of the investigation. Deadline for Part 2: first week in February.



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	Timed interpretations assessment on Khrushchev.	
HT4	Thematic overview: • the nature of government • the impact of dictatorial regimes on the economy and society of Russia and the USSR • the impact of war and revolution on the development of Russia and the USSR • The impact of Russia and the USSR on the nationalities and satellite states This is the overview of Unit Y318: Russia and its Rulers, 1855-1964, designed specifically to prepare for the thematic question. Key skill: synthesis and judgement Timed themes assessment.	Independent Investigation (Unit Y100) on Elizabeth I. This is the independent research and writing phase of the investigation. Deadline for full draft: first week in March. Final deadline: mid-March. Revision of England 1445-1509: Lancastrians, Yorkists, and Henry VII.
HT5	Revision of Russia and its Rulers, 1855-1964. Key skills: Interpretations; synthesis and judgement. Timed themes assessment.	Revision and exam practice for all three examined units.
HT6	No further lessons take place	