



Scheme for Learning

Curriculum Area – History

Overview – Year 8 History 2021-22

Personnel Responsible – KFY

Quality Assured by – RDE

Exam Board/Qualification – Edexcel History GCSE

Assessment Cycle	Topic/Unit Title – Big Question	Rationale/Skill Development	Link to Assessment Objectives
1/2	History Why was the 17 th century so unstable?	An investigation into how England changed during the 17 th Century, examining the impacts of the Civil War, its role in expansion into the New World and how it became more democratic. Students will receive a diet of military, political and social history and use this to effectively question how England holistically changed during this century. Assessment focus: essay-writing [12 mark questions] and source utility.	Throughout the course, students will be assessed in range of ways, according to the following assessment objectives: AO1: knowledge and understanding. AO2: explanation and analysis, second-order historical concepts. AO3: analysis, evaluation, and use of sources. AO4: analysis and evaluation of historical interpretations.
3/4	History To what extent does Britain deserve the title 'Great'?	Students will interrogate the title 'Great Britain' by examining 19 th Century Britain and evaluating the positive and negative impacts that its policies had on both the people of Britain and the rest of the world. Students will be provided with a fair, balanced and accurate exploration of their country's past which acknowledges the undeniable legacy but also recognises the trauma of British policy-making. Key topics include; industrialisation, empire and slavery. Assessment focus: essay-writing [12 mark questions] and source utility.	Students will have weekly tests on their foundational knowledge (AO1), through independent learning tests, while weekly classwork tasks will be set and assessed in a way that ensures the balance of skills and assessment objectives over Key Stage Three as a whole. In particular, Year 8 will focus on essay-style responses (AO1, AO2) and questions analyzing sources (AO1, AO3). In both cycles, students have formal assessments, during week 7, which will assess the knowledge and skills taught during the current cycle, as well as consolidating the skills mastered in previous cycles.