



History Curriculum Overview - Year 13

		Unit	Details
Autumn	Option 1C: The Tudors End of the Mid-Tudor Crisis		As part of this topic, pupils will continue their investigation of the Mid-Tudor Crisis by exploring the contribution of Elizabeth's early reign (1558-1563) in contributing towards the crisis. They will investigate the immediate challenges faced by Elizabeth on her succession to the throne, and some of her immediate policies such as the Religious Settlement of 1569. They will investigate some of her early relations with foreign powers, most notably France and the impact of this. They will also consider some of the key economic and social developments in the early years of her rule.
	Option 2R: The Cold War		Pupils will begin their Year 13 Cold War studies by investigating the key topic of 'Confrontation and cooperation, c1963-1972'. As part of this topic they will investigate key developments in the Vietnam War, looking at both the significant escalation of intervention by the US and the extension into Cambodia and Laos. They will end this key topic by looking at key developments in cooperation between the East and West and the cut back in materials for nuclear weapons. The leadership of Brezhnev and impact of the Brezhnev Doctrine will also be investigated, as will the developing relations with China by the likes of President Nixon.
Spring	Option 1C: The Tudors The Triumph of Elizabeth, 1563-1603		Pupils will then look at the remainder of Elizabeth's reign. This will begin by considering how her government was organised and how she dealt with key issues such as factionalism. In line with the key questions of this topic, again pupils will explore themes such as foreign relations, society, economic development, religious developments, the 'Golden Age' and her ultimate legacy created following her death in 1603. Pupils will explore how she developed from having once been declared illegitimate by her own father, into one of the most successful monarchs in history.
	Option 2R: The Cold War		The penultimate key topic of the module focuses on the Brezhnev Era, 1972-1985. Not only does this time period cover the ultimate end of the Vietnam War, it also investigates the extent of Detente up to 1979 and the progressing relations with China. The prospect of a Second Cold War is also considered due to the prevalence of renewed hostilities such as the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and new key individuals such as Reagan, Thatcher and John Paul II. This key topic will end by looking at developments in Africa and the Americas as part of the continued globalisation of the Cold War.
Summer One	End of key topics for both components		For the Tudor side of the course, any remaining lessons will be spent reviewing the six key questions across the duration of the Tudor reigns. For the Cold War side of the course, pupils will investigate how the Cold War ultimately came to an end during the period 1985-1991. Pupils will consider the influence and impact of Gorbachev as Soviet leader and the significance of the growing Soviet economic problems. Pupils will investigate key summits between the two superpowers and how collapse of Communism in the Eastern European soviet satellite states ultimately contributed to the collapse of the USSR by 1991.