PCHS Curriculum Information

Course Title: A Level History Exam Board: AQA Specification Code: 7042

How will students be assessed?

A-level students must take assessments in all three of the following components.

Component 1 Breadth study: Written exam, 2 hours 30 minutes, three questions (one compulsory), 80 marks, 40% of A-level.

Component 2: Depth study: Written exam, 2 hours 30 minutes, three questions (one compulsory), 80 marks, 40% of A-level

Component 3: Historical investigation (Personal study): Coursework, 3500–4500 words, 40 marks, 20% of A-level, marked by teachers, moderated by AQA.

Progress checks on Component 3 will be made throughout Term 1 & 2

KEY CONTENT: Component 2: Democracy and Nazism: Germany, 1918–1945

KEY CONTENT: Component 1 (Breadth Study): The Tudors: England 1485 – 1603

Half Term 1

The Nazi Dictatorship, 1933–1939

Hitler's consolidation of power, March 1933–1934: governmental and administrative change and the establishment of the one-party state; the Night of the Long Knives and the impact of the death of President Hindenburg.

Half Term 1

England: turmoil and triumph, 1547–1603

Review and complete from finishing point - Year 12.

Edward VI, Somerset and Northumberland; royal authority; problems of succession; relations with foreign powers

The social impact of religious and economic changes under Edward VI; rebellion; intellectual developments; humanist and religious thought

Mary I and her ministers; royal authority; problems of succession; relations with foreign powers

Half Term 2

The 'Terror State': the police, including the SS and Gestapo; the courts; extent, effectiveness and limitations of opposition and non-conformity; propaganda: aims, methods and impact; extent of totalitarianism.

Half Term 2

The social impact of religious and economic changes under Mary I; rebellion; intellectual developments; humanist and religious thought

Economic policies and the degree of economic recovery; Schacht; Goering; the industrial elites Elizabeth I: character and aims; consolidation of power, including the Act of Settlement and relations with foreign powers

The impact of economic, social and religious developments in the early years of Elizabeth's rule

Half Term 3

Social policies: young people; women; workers; the churches; the degree of Volksgemeinschaft; benefits and drawbacks of Nazi rule

The Racial State, 1933-1941

The radicalisation of the state: Nazi racial ideology; policies towards the mentally ill, asocials, homosexuals, members of religious sects, the Roma and Sinti
Anti-Semitism: policies and actions towards the Jews, including the boycott of Jewish shops and the Nuremberg Laws

Half Term 3

The triumph of Elizabeth, 1563–1603

Elizabethan government: court, ministers and parliament; factional rivalries
Foreign affairs: issues of succession; Mary,
Queen of Scots; relations with Spain
Society: continuity and change; problems in the regions; social discontent and rebellions

Half Term 4

The development of anti-Semitic policies and actions; the effect of the Anschluss;
Reichkristallnacht; emigration; the impact of the war against Poland
The treatment of Jews in the early years of war: the Einsatzgruppen; ghettos and deportations

The impact of War, 1939–1945

Rationing, indoctrination, propaganda and morale; the changing impact of war on different sections of society including the elites, workers, women and youth

Half Term 4

Economic development: trade, exploration and colonisation; prosperity and depression Religious developments, change and continuity; the English renaissance and 'the Golden Age' of art, literature and music

Half Term 5

The wartime economy and the work of Speer; the impact of bombing; the mobilisation of the labour force and prisoners of war

Half Term 5

The last years of Elizabeth: the state of England politically, economically, religiously and socially by 1603

Policies towards the Jews and the 'untermenschen' during wartime; the Wannsee Conference and the 'Final Solution' Opposition and resistance in wartime including students, churchmen, the army and civilian critics; assassination attempts and the July Bomb Plot; overview of the Nazi state by 1945	
Half Term 6 Revision and exam prep.	Half Term 6 Revision and exam prep.