

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; Reichskristallnacht; 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.