

History – Year 10

	Year 10 Block A – Part 1	Year 10 Block A – Part 2	Year 10 Block B – Part 1	Year 10 Block B – Part 2	
What do we	Specification: OCR B History				
teach?	 The Viking Expansion 750- 	 The Norman Conquest 1065- 	 Migrants to Britain c.1200-today 	 History Around us Study – 	
	1050	1087		Osterley Park through time	
How does this	 Know and understand 	 Know and understand Britain's 	 Know and understand Britain's 	 Know and understand Britain's 	
meet the	Britain's island story and	island story and significant	island story and significant	island story and significant	
National	significant aspects of history	aspects of history of the wider	aspects of history of the wider	aspects of history of the wider	
Curriculum?	of the wider world.	world.	world.	world.	
	 Understanding historical 	 Understanding historical 	 Understanding historical 	 Understanding historical 	
	concepts	concepts	concepts	concepts	
	 Understanding methods of 	 Understanding methods of 	 Understanding methods of 	 Understanding methods of 	
	historical enquiry.	historical enquiry.	historical enquiry.	historical enquiry.	
Why does this	With the interest around the Vikings	The Norman Conquest is one of the most	Successive migrations from all over the	We utilise Osterley Park, a heritage site,	
knowledge	cultivated by numerous recent TV and	seismic moments in British history. A	world have changed the course and	located very close to the Academy for	
matter?	film series, this is a unit that will really	period in which everything was changed,	direction of our island story.	our history around us study. We take	
	capture our students. As great	the Normans, as historian Simon Schama	We add more depth and nuance to the	students on a journey from Gresham's	
	travellers and traders, teaching the	famously claimed, brought with them a	complicated picture of migration in	party house, to the 18 th Century	
	Vikings also helps build a picture of	'truckload of trouble' changing the course	Britain covered at KS3. Understanding	remodeling (paid for with funds	
	the early medieval world from	of history in the British-Isles forever.	how migration has shaped our country	procured in India) right up to National	
	Greenland, through northern Europe		enables our students to navigate more	Trust ownership today.	
	to Baghdad.		Britain as they leave us in year 11 as		
			Bolder citizens.		
Why do we	Viking expansion is the natural place	The next step in our chronological	Looking backwards this unit continues	As essentially a second thematic unit,	
teach in this	to start chronologically as it is our	sequence focused on early medieval	the theme of migration already	this unit both relies on, and reinforces	
sequence?	earliest study.	England, the Normans link well with our	encountered by students in Teaching	much of the 'golden thread' of British	
	However, it also links seamlessly to	previous unit. Looking forwards, both the	Block 1. In addition, chronologically this	chronology which we've been able to	
	later units. Culturally the Vikings	Vikings and Normans are stories of	thematic unit means we're continuing to	cultivate so far. Thus it has the dual	
	shared much with the Saxons,	migration, albeit via raids and invasions.	build and secure a 'golden thread' for	purpose of securing knowledge, and	
	resident in England when the	Again, we can build vocabulary and	students to 'hang' knowledge.	building deeper understanding.	
	Normans arrived. As such, many	conceptual knowledge here which	We also link back to Empire here, a	This unit also links back to the Empire, a	
	words or concepts covered here are	prepares students for Teaching Block 2.	'golden thread' in our KS3 curriculum.	'golden thread' in our KS3 curriculum.	
	encountered again in part B.				
What career	Careers: Studying history can support students interested in journalism. Students regularly complete pieces of extended writing, both in assessments and lessons. History				
links are made?	can also support students interested in a career in politics, business consultancy or accountancy. These are careers where students have to conduct extensive research				
	before compiling information they've gathered, and drawing meaningful conclusions from it.				



History – Year 11

	Year 11 Block A – Part 1	Year 11 Block A – Part 1 and Year 11 Block B – Part 1	Year 11 Block A – Part 2		
What do we	Specification: OCR B History				
teach?	Continuation of History Around us study – Osterley Park through time	Living in Nazi Germany 1933-1945	Revision and preparation for exams		
How does this meet the National Curriculum?	 Know and understand Britain's island story and significant aspects of history of the wider world. Understanding historical concepts Understanding methods of historical enquiry. 	 Know and understand Britain's island story and significant aspects of history of the wider world. Understanding historical concepts Understanding methods of historical enquiry. 	 Know and understand Britain's island story and significant aspects of history of the wider world. Understanding historical concepts Understanding methods of historical enquiry. 		
Why does this knowledge matter?	We utilise Osterley Park, a heritage site, located very close to the Academy for our history around us study. We take students on a journey from Gresham's party house, to the 18 th century remodeling (paid for with funds procured in India) right up to National Trust ownership today.	As Professor Ian Kershaw has claimed, the Nazis are a 'warning from history'. It's integral, especially in a world in which intolerance is seemingly on the rise in Europe and beyond, that we teach our students about the nightmare which unfolded in Germany in the mid-20 th century. As we prepare our students to leave the academy as Bolder Citizens, this is a crucial story to tell.	We will aim to re-cover elements of all five units and teach students exam technique. There are three examinations with units being grouped together in two of these exams: 1. Viking Expansion and the Living Under Nazi Rule 2. Migrants to Britain and the Norman Conques 3. History Around us (Osterley Park)		
Why do we teach in this sequence?	This unit is a continuation from the work students started in Year 10. It continues the 'golden thread' of British chronology which we've been able to cultivate so far. This unit also links back to the Empire, a 'golden thread' in our KS3 curriculum.	Chronologically, this is our latest study, as such it makes most sense to place this unit here as we look to incrementally build student's chronological understanding. Moreover, this is a unit which evokes great controversy and requires deep thought and reflection. As the most mature learners in the school, students are, in our experience, able to take more from this unit at this point.	Students have covered all five units (Viking Expansion, The Norman Conquest, Migrants to Britain, Local Area Study, Living Under Nazi Rule). As such, we begin recapping and reteaching where necessary as reparation for the summer examinations.		
What career links are made?	Careers: Studying history can support students interested in the law, especially those interested in training as solicitors or barristers. History is argument and interpretation. We teach students to form written arguments regularly. In order to prepare for writing, students also regularly rehearse these arguments verbally. In addition, History involves discerning between vast amounts of information to determine the most useful or applicable to answering a question (forming an argument). This is a skill crucial for those looking to work in the law. Numerous politicians or local leaders have also studied for degrees in History and point towards the skills gleaned from their studies which have supported them in their careers. As such, History is a good option for students interested into entering politics.				