

National curriculum or specification coverage

OCR History B (SHP)

Component 1: British History Thematic study & Depth Study**The People's Health, 1250 to present**

The thematic study requires learners to understand change and continuity across a long sweep of history. Each of the options begins in the late middle ages and encourages learners to think about the relationship between past and present by following the theme through to the present day. The study focuses on a social/cultural theme in British history. This provides a contrast with the greater political focus of the British depth study and ensures balance across the specification as a whole.

Focus of assessment: knowledge and understanding; explaining and analysing events and periods.

The Elizabethans, 1580–1603

The British depth study focuses on a coherent short time span and a period of history during which the country faced severe pressure due to the possibility, or actuality, of invasion. The depth study includes strong political elements, and focuses on the interplay between these and other aspects. This emphasis provides a clear contrast with the thematic study. Each of the options has been the subject of scholarly debate and is rich in interpretation.

Focus of assessment: knowledge and understanding; understanding interpretations.

Component 2: History Around Us

The site study – the specification recognises the importance of studying 'History Around Us' by allocating the study of the historic environment 20% of the GCSE (9–1) and by assessing this element through a separate exam paper. Centres will have a free choice of the site to be studied within a clearly stated set of parameters and learners will have the opportunity to study the fascinating history around them.

Focus of assessment: knowledge and understanding; using sources.

Year 10 Long Term Scheme of Learning 2026-2027

Subject: History

Date	Exams/Assess	Learning Intentions	Core Task
31/08/26		The People’s Health 1250-present Medieval England - Living Conditions - Monasteries - The Black Death The Early Modern Age: - Living Conditions - The Gin Craze - The Plague	10 mark question: The Plague
07/09/26			
14/09/26			
21/09/26			
28/09/26			
05/10/26			
12/10/26			
19/10/26			
26/10/26	HALF TERM		
02/11/26		Industrial Age - Living Conditions - Cholera Epidemic - Public Health Reforms - Government Actions 20 th century - Living Conditions - Spanish Flu Epidemic - AIDS	Exam Paper: 1250-1750
09/11/26			
16/11/26			
23/11/26			
30/11/26			
07/12/26			
14/12/26			
21/12/26	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY		
28/12/26			
04/01/27		The Elizabethans Daily Lives - Structure of Society - Differences between the rich, middling sort and the poor - Family life - Attitudes to the poor Merry England	20 mark essay question: Daily Lives
11/01/27			
18/01/27			
25/01/27			
01/02/27			
08/02/27			

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		- Golden Age Overview - Popular Pastimes & Puritan response - Theatres - Persecution of witches	
15/02/27	HALF TERM		
22/02/27		The Wider World	6a and 6b Exam Questions: Wider World
01/03/27		- Motivation for exploration	
08/03/27		- Voyagers of explorers in the West	
15/03/27		- Roanoke	
22/03/27		- Explorers in the East	
29/03/27	SPRING BREAK		
05/04/27			
12/04/27		Elizabethan Government	Exam Paper: Elizabethans
19/04/27		- Elizabeth's Personality	
26/04/27		- The Royal court	
03/05/27		- Parliament	
10/05/27		- Elizabeth and her people	
17/05/27		The Catholic Threat	
24/05/27		- Priests and Spies - Mary Queen of Scots & Plots - Phillip of Spain and The Armada -	
31/05/27	HALF TERM		
07/06/27		The Catholic Threat	Essay Question: Catholic Threat.
14/06/27		- Priests and Spies	
21/06/27		- Mary Queen of Scots & Plots	
28/06/27		- Phillip of Spain and The Armada	
05/07/27		History Around Us: Quarry Bank Mill	
12/07/27		- The Industrial Revolution - Turning Points - Changing Purpose - Individuals	