



STEP UP TO 6TH FORM

KIMBERLEY SCHOOL TRANSITION INFORMATION

History A Level OCR

COURSE DETAILS

UNIT 1

The Early Stuarts and Origins of the Civil War 1603-1660

- James I and parliament
- James I and religion
- Charles I 1625-1640
- Charles I and the victory of parliament 1640-46
- The failure to achieve a settlement 1646-49
- Commonwealth and Protectorate
- Restoration of Charles II

Unit 2: Democracy and dictatorships in Germany 1919-63

- The establishment and development of the Weimar Republic, 1919 to January 1933
- The establishment of the Nazi dictatorship and its domestic policies, Feb 1933-1939
- The impact of war and defeat on Germany, 1939-49
- Divided Germany: The FRG and DDR, 1949-1963

UNIT 2



UNIT 3

Unit 3: Russia and its Rulers 1855-1964

- The nature of government
- The impact of dictatorial regimes on the economy and society of the Russian Empire and the USSR
- Impact of war and revolution on the development of the Russian Empire and the USSR
- Russia: Empire, nationalities and satellite states
- Alexander II's domestic reforms
- The Provisional Government
- Khrushchev in power 1956-1964

NEA

- Topic of student's choice based on unit 2 course
- Must be based around historical debate
- Use of sources and historical interpretations

COURSEWORK

EXAMS

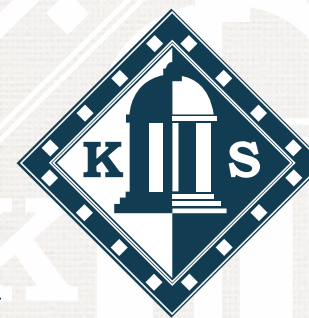
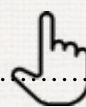
Unit 1 (25%) - 1hr30min
 Unit 2 (15%) - 1hr
 Unit 3 (40%) - 2hr30min
 Coursework (20%) 3000-4000wrds



LINK TO THE SPECIFICATION

See a detailed document of what we will cover in this course:

www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/as-and-a-level/history-a-h105-h505-from-2015/specification-at-a-glance/



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Work you can do to prepare for A Level study

The Early Stuarts and Origins of the Civil War 1603-1660

Best book for the bigger picture: The English Civil Wars by Blair Worden
 Textbook: The Early Stuarts and the English Revolution by Katherine Brice (if you want to get a massive head start)
 What to watch: The Stuarts: A Bloody Reign episode 1
www.youtube.com/watch?v=hQFmWStPHPo
 Useful website: www.bcw-project.org

Democracy and dictatorships in Germany 1919-1963

Best book for the bigger picture: The shortest History of Germany by James Hawes
 Textbook: Democracy and Dictatorships in Germany 1919-63 by Geoff Layton (if you want to get a massive head start)
 What to watch: *The Rise of Evil* (Film)
 Netflix also has some good series on Hitler and WWII
 Useful websites: www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-17301646 and www.britannica.com/place/Germany

Podcasts

Podcasts are a great way to broaden your historical knowledge. Two of the best for History are:

- **History Extra**
- **History Hit**

In these you can search for topics we study at A Level or you could research topics that you are interested in to broaden your wider knowledge.

YOUTUBE



Absolute History
 Arzamas
 CrashCourse
 History Matters
 PBS Eons
 Cogito
 Lindybeige
 Modern History TV
 Stefan Milo



USEFUL RESOURCE LINKS

For wider reading: www.historyhit.com/articles/

For wider reading and introduction to the Historical Associations A Level stuff:
www.history.org.uk/student/categories/topic-guides-16-18

