

Subject	Year	Term			
GCSE History	11	2			
Topic					
Restoration Britain – 1660 - 1685					

Content (Intent)

Prior Learning (Topic)

KS3 – Civil Wars era Britain

GCSE - Migration considers 17th Century Britain briefly,

This option allows students to study in depth the restoration of the monarchy. The study will focus on the major aspects of Charles II's reign considered from economic, religious, political, social and cultural standpoints of this period and arising contemporary and historical controversies.

Part one: Crown, Parliament, plots and court life

Crown and Parliament: the legacy of the English Civil War and Commonwealth; the restoration of the monarchy; the succession issue; relations and issues with Parliament, finance and religion; the Cabal and 'Party politics'; rule without parliament from 1681.

The Catholic question: plots, including Titus Oates and the Popish Plot and the Rye House Plot; the Exclusion Bill, 1679; James, Duke of York.

Charles II's court: Charles II's character; court life, fashions and the role of the court.

Part two: Life in Restoration England

Crisis: Great Plague of 1665; causes and contemporary views; measures to combat; records; results; Fire of London of 1666; causes and contemporary views; results and reconstruction.

Restoration culture: Restoration comedy, theatres and playwrights; the role and status of women; coffee houses; Charles II's patronage of the arts and sciences, including the Royal Society; Samuel Pepys; architecture and design, including Christopher Wren.

Part three: Land, trade and war

Land: the powers of the East India Company; Bombay; Hudson Bay; Tangier; Captain Henry Morgan and Jamaica.

Trade: mercantilism; the Navigation Acts and their impact; slave trade.

War: English sea power; naval warfare, including tactics and technology; conflict with the Dutch, including the Second and Third Dutch Wars; relations with Spain and France.

Part four: The historic environment of Restoration England

The historic environment is 10% of the overall course, which equates to approximately 12 hours out of 120 guided learning hours.

The study of the historic environment will focus on a particular site in its historical context and should examine the relationship between a specific place and associated historical events and developments.

Students will be expected to answer a question that draws on second order concepts of change, continuity, causation and/or consequence, and to explore them in the context of the specified site and wider events and developments of the period studied.

Students should be able to identify key features of the specified site and understand their connection to the wider historical context of the specific historical period. Sites will also illuminate how people lived at the time, how they were governed and their beliefs and values.

The following aspects of the site should be considered:

location

function

the structure

people connected with the site eg the designer, originator and occupants

design

how the design reflects the culture, values, fashions of the people at the time

how important events/developments from the depth study are connected to the site.

Future Learning (Topic)

KS4: Migration –A Level Britain picks up on the political themes and importance of East India Company, some political considerations too are explored at A Level politics

politics				
How will knowledge and skills be taught?	How will your understanding be assessed & recorded (Impact)			
(Implementation)				
Skills – Chronology, Knowledge & Understanding, Causation and Consequence	Seneca for consolidation and knowledge gap checks			
for essays, significance (AO1)				
identify key features of the specified site and understand their connection	Regular consolidation of knowledge and application of skills via GCSE exam-			
Different types of interpretations (AO3)	style questions (in class or as homework tasks).			
Skimming & Scanning				
Description, Explanation & Evaluation	An end of topic knowledge test will be set to help students consider how they			
effective internet research, Parliament Website	can learn history.			
Communication & Presentation	, ,			
Condensing of information				
Disciplinary Literacy				
How can parents help at home?				

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Check the Department VLE page for other stretch activities.

Facilitate the watching of relevant documentaries as promoted by the department.

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Reading:	Vocabulary Lists:	Careers Links:		
Various – see VLE	Parliament	Museum curation		
	Whig	Art historians		
	Tory	Managing historic site/ location		
	Catholic emancipation	Architecture		
	·	Theatre		