History (Year 8)

	Initial – a student who is still initial will be able to partially meet some of the following with support:	Emerging – a student whose understanding is still emerging will be able to:	Developing – a student whose understanding is developing will also be able to:	Secure – a student whose understanding is secure will also be able to:	Advanced – a student whose understanding is advanced will be able to do some of the following:	Mastered – a student who has mastered their understanding will be able to do all of the following consistently:
Extended writing and research skills	Write in full sentences and be starting to organise written work into paragraphs. Start to use historical details to explain answers. Use sentence starters and writing frames effectively. Research some information with guidance. Begin to ask questions and contribute to class.		thatshows some organisation into paragraphs. Always write	Produce extended writing that is well structured, always using paragraphs, introductions and conclusions effectively. Write detailed answers in their own words, using some independent research. Ask some good questions and contribute to class discussion	Produce extended writing that is very well structured, always using paragraphs, introductions and conclusions effectively. Write detailed answers in their own words using some relevant independent research. Ask excellent questions and make thoughtful contributions to class discussion.	
Knowledge and understanding	Begin to use key terms to do with time. Have some understanding of the key features of the period studied.		Is able to use most of the terms to do with time confidently. Use some moredifficult terms when prompted. Show a good understanding of the period studied.	Use historical terms to do with time confidently. Use more difficult historical terms. Show excellent understanding of the key features of the period studied.	Use a wide range of historical terms confidently. Show excellent understanding and detailed knowledge of the key features of the period studied.	

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Second order	Identify causes or reasons.Begin	Understand that some	Include some analytical points	Write essays that are mainly analytical
concepts:	to use the term significance.	reasons or causes are	in written work and begin to	rather than descriptive.
Change and	Identify changes.	moreimportant than	come to conclusions.	Explain the links between features of the
continuity,		others.	Explain the links between	past.
similarity and		Explain changes that	features of the past.	Explain changes and consider extent of
difference,		occurred over time.	Explain changes and consider	change and what remained the same.
cause and		Understand that some	extent of change.	Identify the most important reasons or
		events	Identify the most important	causes. Be able tomake a judgement about
consequence,		are more significant	reasons or causes. Select	the significance of events.
significance.		thanothers.	events that are more	
			significant.	
Analyse,	Use a source to find out aboutthe past	Select relevant	Handle sources effectively e.g.	Handle sources effectively, and begin to
evaluate and	and describe what a source says. Start	detail from sources	by comparing two contrasting	understand moredifficult sources such as
use sources to	to understand the difference between	to identify what it	sources.	propaganda.
make	fact and opinion.	can tell us about	Suggest inferences from a	Confidently explain 'how useful' a source is to
judgements,		the past. Begin to	source and explain why.	a historian.
in the context		explain what a	Be confident at 'having a go'	Make confident inferences from sources.
of historical		source suggests as	at difficult sources.	Confidently use the provenance of a source to
events		well as what it	Use provenance to give	give context.
studied.		actually says	context to sources.	
studied.				
Analyse	Describe an interpretation of the	(inference). Understand that	City company for the	Confidently and in which are an Afficial
Analyse,	Describe an interpretation ofthe	there are different	Give some reasons for why	Confidently explain why there are different
evaluate and make	past.		interpretations of the past	interpretations of the past. Use contextual
		interpretations of the	differ. Use some contextual	knowledge to support 'how convincing' an
judgements about		past and begin to	knowledge to support 'how	interpretation is.
interpretatio		understand the	convincing'.	
ns in the		reasons why.		
context of				
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