

Learning Guide for Students and Parents

History



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The school supports home learning by providing lessons, resources, homework, and communication through Microsoft Teams, supported by several online learning platforms and additional educational resources. If a student cannot attend school due to medical or disciplinary reasons, the school will provide resources so learning can continue from home and disruption to education is minimised.

Further guidance for parents on how they can support their child's learning, including preparing for assessments and examinations, is available at - [Study Hacks — From the Sidelines](#)

How learning is provided

- All teaching materials are shared through Microsoft Teams.
- Students are automatically enrolled in Teams for each of their subjects.
- Teachers upload lesson resources, activities and assignments, homework and messages and updates.
- Resources are available before the scheduled lesson time.
- Students access Teams using their school email account.

Weekly learning information

- Remote learning guides are published on the school website and the App every Friday.
- They are also shared on students' year group Microsoft Teams.
- Teachers can be contacted via email for questions about learning.
- Department Head email addresses are included in the guides for subject-specific queries.

Online learning platforms

Students may also be set work on:

- Seneca Learning (all subjects) <https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>
- Up Learn (A-Level Science) <https://www.uplearn.co.uk/>
- Sparx Maths (Key Stages 3 and 4 Maths) <https://sparxmaths.com/>
- Kerboodle (Key Stages 3 and 4 Science) <https://www.kerboodle.com/>

Additional learning resources are available on:

- Oak National Academy <https://www.thenational.academy/>
- BBC Bitesize [Home - BBC Bitesize](#)

Reading expectations

Research shows that regular reading has a significant positive impact on children's educational achievement, vocabulary development and wellbeing. We encourage all students to read for at least 20–30 minutes each day, both in and out of school. As a guide, students should aim to complete at least one age-appropriate book every two to three weeks, although confident readers may read more frequently.

- Read for pleasure regularly.
- Aim to read approximately one book per week.
- Access news and current affairs through The Day <https://theday.co.uk/>

- Borrow books from the school library.

Passwords and support

- Students have Microsoft Teams for all lessons. They can access these Teams using their email accounts.
- Teachers will regularly show students how to access the Teams groups.
- Students record passwords for online resources in their school planner.
- If there are difficulties accessing digital resources, parents should contact the student's Year Manager or Year Coordinator, or the school directly at enquiry@holte.bham.sch.uk.

Good attendance is essential for academic success. Missing school can lead to gaps in learning that may affect a student's confidence, progress and achievement. Although we provide learning resources when necessary, attending school remains the best way for students to access high-quality teaching and support.

Year 7

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What is your child learning this term?

Year 7 will be learning about the Roman Empire. They will explore different interpretations of the Roman Empire and study Roman Public Health, Chariot Racing, Slavery and complete an extended written piece on how great they believe the Roman Empire really was.

Class	Teacher	Lessons, including homework deadlines & resources
7E	RJG	Lesson 1: Iron Age Lesson 2: Introduction to the Roman Empire
7D	SAB /SUA	Lessons 1-2: Introduction to History and the Iron Age
7U	RJG	Lesson 1: Iron Age Lesson 2: Introduction to the Roman Empire
7C	JMJ/ SAB	Lesson 1: Introduction to History (introduce Iron Age) Lesson 2: Complete Iron Age source study
7A	JMJ/ SUA	Lesson 1: Introduction to History (introduce Iron Age) Lesson 2: Complete Iron Age source study
7T	SAB/ ANO	Lesson 1: The Iron Age
7I	SUA	Lesson 1: The Iron Age Lesson 2: Introduction to the Roman Empire
7O	JMJ	Lesson 1: Introduction to History (introduce Iron Age) Lesson 2: Complete Iron Age source study
7N	RJG	Lesson 1: Introduction to the Roman Empire

Year 8

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What is your child learning this term?

Year 8 will start the year by learning about the English Civil War, including the causes of the English Civil War, the Battles that took place, the New Model Army and the trial & execution of Charles I.

Class	Teacher	Lessons, including homework deadlines & resources
8E	SAB	Lesson 1: Causes of the English Civil War Lesson 2: Soldiers of the English Civil War
8D	JMJ	Lesson 1: Who was Charles I? Lesson 2: Causes of the Civil War
8U	JMJ	Lesson 1: Who was Charles I? Lesson 2: Causes of the Civil War
8C	RJG	Lesson 1: Who were the soldiers of the English Civil War? Lesson 2: What were the battles of the English Civil War?
8A	SUA	Lesson 1: Who were the soldiers of the English Civil War? Lesson 2: What were the battles of the English Civil War?
8T	RJG	Lesson 1: What were the battles of the English Civil War?
8I	RJG	No Lessons this week
8O	SAB / RJG	Lesson 1: Causes of the English Civil War Lesson 2: Soldiers of the English Civil War
8N	SUA	Lesson 1: Soldier of the English Civil War

Year 9

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What is your child learning this term?

Year 9 will be learning about WWI. They will look at the long and short-term causes of WWI, battles and the trenches. They will explore conditions and illness in the trenches, as well as the weapons that were used in WWI.

Class	Teacher	Lessons, including deadlines & resources
9E	JMJ/ LJF	
9D	SUA	Lesson 1: Propaganda – why did people go to war?
9U	SUA	Lesson 1: Propaganda – why did people go to war?
9C	LJF/ MJM	Lesson 1: : Propaganda – why did people go to war?
9A	SAB/ MJM	Lesson 1: Propaganda – why did people go to war?
9T	SAB/ LJF	Lesson 1: Propaganda – why did people go to war?
9I	SAB	Lesson 1: Causes of WWI Lesson 2: Propaganda – why did people go to war?
9O	SUA	Lesson 1: Propaganda – why did people go to war?

Year 10

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What is your child learning this term?

Year 10 will start the year by studying 'Modern Medicine' as they complete their Medicine through Time unit of study.

They will then be learning about Elizabeth I, exploring the situation of Elizabeth's accession and her religious settlement.

Class	Teacher	Lessons, including homework deadlines & resources
10ahi1	JMJ (RJG x1)	Lesson 1: Introduction to Modern: Improving diagnosis, care and treatment (RJG) Lesson 2: The impact of technology (JMJ)
10chi1	LJF	Lesson 1: developments in understanding the cause of disease – the story of DNA. Lesson 2: Improvements in Public Health – The Liberal Reforms and the NHS Lesson 3: Developments in treatments – the importance of science and technology
10bhi1	SAB (JMJ x1)	Lesson 1: Industrial Medicine- exam technique Lesson 2 (JMJ): Modern Medicine- recap and exam technique

Year 11

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What is your child learning this term?

Year 11 will be learning about the British Sector of the Western Front, 1914-1918: injuries, treatment and the trenches. This unit includes a study of the conditions requiring medical treatment on the Western Front, including [problems of ill health arising from the trench environment. Pupils will also learn about medical treatment on the Western Front and the significant of the Western Front for experiments in surgery and medicine.

Pupils will then move on to a study of Weimar and Nazi Germany. Pupils will start with Key Topic 1 which is a study of Weimar and Nazi Germany 1918-29. Pupils will learn about the origins of the Republic, the early challenges they faced. They will also study the recovery of the Republic, 1924-29 and changes in society 1924-29.

Class	Teacher	Lessons, including homework deadlines & resources
11ahi1	SAB (SUA x1)	Lesson 1: Introduction to Weimar & Nazi Germany. Aftermath of WWI Lesson 2: Treaty of Versailles
11bhi1	SUA	Lesson 1: Weapons Lesson 2: evacuation route
11chi1	JMJ/ RJG	Lesson 1: Treaty of Versailles & the stab in the back theory

6th Form

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What is your child learning this term?

Year 13 will begin their study of the Making of Modern Britain course. Unit 1 focuses on The Affluent Society, 1951-1964.

They will use one lesson a fortnight to continue to revise for the 1K USA unit.

Class	Teacher	Lessons, including homework deadlines & resources
13bhi1	Mr Oliver Mr Farmer Mr Galloway	Mr Oliver – Students will be looking at the reasons behind Conservative dominance in the 1951-1964 period. Was it down to Labour weaknesses or were there other reasons at play ? We will then begin our study of the Economy in this period – was it a 'Golden Age' for the British economy ?