Subject Aim: You will cover one further GCSE unit (Superpower relations and the Cold War) which is perhaps the most complex of the course. During this unit you will also complete your Y11 PPE exams which will give you the crucial feedback to prepare for your revision programme and final exams.

TERM 1

TERM 2

TERM 3

TERM 4

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Superpower Relations: What were the origins of the Cold War 1941-58?

In this unit you are introduced to the main reasons for the development of the rivalry between the superpowers. You will consider their differing ideologies and the different ideas they had for the post-WW2 world. You will explore the initial meetings and discussion between the USA and USSR and seek to understand and explain why tensions began to increase.

Superpower Relations: How did the Cold War intensify 1958-70?

This unit explores a range of historically notable events such as the construction of the Berlin Wall, the Cuban Missile Crisis and the Czechoslovakian Uprising. The aim is to understand the events themselves but also make judgments about what exactly were the causes and consequences of these events.

Superpower Relations: Why did relations thaw between the two superpowers 1970-91?

The final unit considers the reasons behind the improvement in relations that ultimately led to the 'end' of the Cold War. You will consider the impact and success of détente, the significance of Gorbachev's 'New Thinking', the collapse of the Berlin Wall and the collapse of the Soviet Satellite States.

REVISION

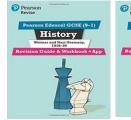
The final time prior to the exam period will be focused on revision through a carefully planned sequence of revision lessons. These lessons will focus on the other 3 units of the GCSE course that were studied prior to Y11. The sequences of lessons will focus on both recapping the key themes, key ideas and 'bigger picture' and will embed exam practice throughout this. The emphasis will be placed on you to use these lessons to support your own detailed revision – by this point in the year, your revision should be at it's height but also nearing it's end and therefore, these lessons should function to consolidate this as well as prompt further questions revisiting of particular areas of the course.

ASSESSMENT

- Most lessons will test your knowledge using a variety of activities including Knowledge Tests, Highlighter Heads and Pick N Mix.
- For each unit, you will be given a short 40 mark Knowledge Test that will assess your understanding of the key vocabulary, knowledge and concepts that have been studied.
- The study of each unit will be punctuated by various exam questions which you will attempt and receive feedback on.
- The Y10 Exam will link all of this together within a shortened version of the GCSE exam.

INDEPENDENT LEARNING

- Knowledge Organisers are expected to be used weekly to support the learning and recap of key vocabulary as the course progresses.
- gcsepod videos will be shared each week alongside the teaching of the course – each video being 2-5mins long.
- BBC Bitesize provides you with an excellent resource to learn, recap and revise key parts of the course.
- · Pearson revision guides:





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ENRICHMENT

- Debate club runs every Thursday lunchtime in H1 and is open to all KS4 and KS5 students.
- Virtual tours of various key places within the Germany course.

What Next?

