Buckswood School

IB Diploma Programme

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| Subject | IB History |
| HL / SL | SL |
| Text book | Causes and Effects of 20th Century Wars |
| Lesson per week | 3 hours |
| Teacher | Mr Thomas |
| Students | TBC |

**Christmas Term**

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| **Week** | **Topics covered** |  | **Connections** | **Recommended Extra Reading** |
| 1  (11 Sept) | The Spanish Civil War:  Ideology and Conflict in the 20th Century | Introduction and Global context of the Spanish Civil War  Long term and short term causes  To what extent did the divisions within Spain reflect political and ideological divisions within Europe at the time?  TOK: What makes a government legitimate in the eyes of the citizens | Politics |  |
| 2  (18 Sept) | Combatants-Spanish Civil War | What were the relative strengths and weaknesses of each side at the outset of the war?  To what extent did ideology play a role within each army? |  |  |
| 3  (25 Sep) | Operations | To what extent did foreign intervention play a decisive role in the battles of the Spanish Civil War?  To what extent did the Republican and Nationalist forces get stronger or weaker as the war progressed? |  |  |
| 4  (02 Oct) | Effects of the Spanish Civil War? | Why did the Republicans lose the war? How did the Nationalist victory affect European affairs between 1938-1945? |  |  |
| 5  (09 Oct) | The Second World War in Europe and North Africa:  A return to total war | Causes of the Second World War  To what extent did Hitler plan a war?  What responsibility do France and Britain bear for the outbreak of the war?  Relationship of the Frist World War to the outbreak of the Second  TOK: To what extent can the citizens of a country be held accountable for the actions of its government? | Politics |  |
| 6  (16 Oct) | **Assessment week** | | | |
| 7  (23 Oct) | **Half term** | | | |
| 8  (30 Oct) | Combatants and Strategies of the Second World War | At what point could the western powers challenge the Axis powers in terms of military strength?  Relationship industrial power to military strength in 1939?  To what extent did strategy contribute to the outcome of the war? |  |  |
| 9  (06 Nov) | Operations WW2 | Why did the Allies win the war?  What factors led to the early success of the Axis forces? |  |  |
| 10  (20 Nov) | Effects of the Second World  War | Immediate effects-Long term effects  TOK: To what extent did the global influence of Europe change as a result of the war? | Politics |  |
| 11  (20 Nov) | The Second World War in the Pacific: Total War | Causes of the Second World War in the Pacific  To what extent could diplomacy have avoided a war in the Pacific?  To what extent were issues in the Pacific linked t the European tensions? |  |  |
| 12  (27 Nov) | Strategy and Tactics  Pacific WW2 | What influence did geography have on strategy? |  |  |
| 13  (04 Dec) | Operations | Role of technology, industrial production, factors leading to the halt of Japanese advance |  |  |
| 14  (11 Dec) | **Assessment Week** | | | |

**Spring Term**

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| **Week** | **Topics covered** | **TOK Question** | **Connections** | **Recommended Extra Reading** |
| 1  (08 Jan) | Effects of the Second World War on the Pacific | What role did the dropping if the atomic bombs have on the post war situation?  Practical issues facing the Allies in the wake of Japanese defeat |  |  |
| 2  (15 Jan) | The Vietnam War | The Failure of diplomacy-Causes of the Vietnam War |  |  |
| 3  (22 Jan) | Combatants and Strategies | The French=The Viet Minh |  |  |
| 4  (29 Jan) | Internal Assessment |  |  |  |
| 5  (05 Feb) | Assessment Week | | | |
| 6  (12 Feb) | **Half Term** | | | |
| 7  (19 Feb) | The Vietnam War | Operations 1946-1954  Effectiveness of Viet Minh operations/French operations |  |  |
| 8  (26 Feb) | Effects of the Vietnam War | What was the significance of the French defeat ? |  |  |
| 9  (05 Mar) | Conclusion of topic | Putting it altogether |  |  |
| 10  (12 Mar) | Exam Revision |  |  |  |
| 11  (19 Mar) | **Assessment Week** | | | |

**Summer Term**

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| **Week** | **Topics covered** | **TOK Question** | **Connections** | **Recommended Extra Reading** |
| 1  (16 April) | Exam revision |  |  |  |
| 2  (23 Apr) | Exam revision |  |  |  |
| 3  (30 Apr) | IB Exams start |  |  |  |
| 4  (07 May) |  |  |  |  |
| 5  (14 May) |  |  |  |  |
| 6  (21 May) | **Assessment week** | | | |
| 7  (28 May) | **Half term** | | | |
| 8  (04 Jun) |  |  |  |  |
| 9  (11 Jun) |  |  |  |  |
| 10  (18 Jun) | Revision | | | |
| 11  (25 Jun) | School Exam week | | | |