



## **A level History**

### **Specification**

Edexcel GCE History

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### **Course Overview**

<b>Year 1 Subject Content</b>	<b>Year 2 Subject Content</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Paper 1, Option 1A: The crusades, c1095–1204</li><li>• Paper 2, Option 2A.1: Anglo-Saxon England and the Anglo-Norman Kingdom, c1053–1106</li></ul> <p>(Specification pp. 16-8 )</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Paper 3, Option 39.2: Mass media and social change in Britain, 1882–2004</li><li>• Coursework - likely to be on Richard the Lionheart</li></ul> <p>(Specification pp. 110-1, 113-9 )</p>

### **Recommended Reading and Watching**

[We clearly don't expect you to buy/read/watch all of these!]

- ❑ *Edexcel AS/A Level History, Paper 1&2: Conquest, control and resistance in the medieval world Student Book + ActiveBook* (ISBN-10: 1447985281) (the textbook we use in Y12 - you will get a school copy for Y12 but ideally buy your own copy that you can keep for Y13 and which you can annotate)
- ❑ *Edexcel A Level History, Paper 3: Mass media and social change in Britain 1882-2004 Student Book + ActiveBook* (ISBN-10: 1447985400) (the textbook we use in Y13 - you will get a school copy for Y13 but ideally buy your own copy that you can annotate)
- ❑ *Asbridge, The Crusades: The War for the Holy Land* (ISBN-10: 1849836884) (excellent, readable overview of crusades - n.b. book goes beyond 1204 where our course ends)
- ❑ *Maconie, Hope and Glory: A People's History of Modern Britain* (ISBN-10: 0091926491) (I read a review that said 'it's quite a trip, full of sex and violence and the occasional scone and jigsaw. From pop stars to politicians, Suffragettes to punks, this is a journey around Britain in search of who we are.' Well worth a read!)



## North Halifax Grammar School – A Level Transition Work

- ❑ Rathbone, *The Last English King* (ISBN-10: 0349109435) (excellent novel about 1066 and all that)
  
- ❑ Peace, *GB84* (ISBN-10: 9780571314874) (fantastic, dark novel about the 1984 miners' strike)
- ❑ Scott, *Kingdom of Heaven: Director's Cut* (2005 film) (not entirely historically accurate but gives a good starting impression for understanding the crusades)
- ❑ Meadows, *This Is England* (2006 film) (amazing film set in Thatcher's Britain in the early 1980s. It is an 18 and is gritty stuff so watch with care!)
- ❑ Meadows, *This Is England: '86-90'* (2015 DVD) (follow up TV series - just as good)

## Transition work for History A level students

Plan your answers carefully and re-work them if necessary...

- Write a maximum of 250 words to explain why you think it is important to study history.
  
- Chose one of the novels, films or DVDs listed above and write a maximum of 400 words about it. You might want to...
  - Explain how useful you think it has been in giving you an insight to the events/period it is set in.
  - Mention specific scenes and/or themes that emerge.
  - Think about how historically accurate you think the source is likely to be.
  - Do some research into the actual history behind it.
  - Consider the novel/film/TV show's provenance.