

Broughton Hall Catholic High School

Key Stage 3 Descriptors

History Year 8

Criteria	Emerging	Developing	Secure	Exceeding
Knowledge application	 Write in full sentences and be starting to organise written work into paragraphs. Start to use historical details in their answers. Begin to use key terms to do with time and chronology. Have some understanding of the key features of the period studied. 	 Produce extended writing that shows some organisation into paragraphs. Always write in full sentences including some detailed historical facts and attempt with using research to develop their answers evident. Is able to use most of the terms to do with chronology confidently. Use some more difficult key terms when prompted. Show a good understanding of the period studied. 	Produce extended writing that is well structured, always using paragraphs, introductions and conclusions effectively. Some research is applied in answers. Uses historical terms confidently and effectively and can deploy more difficult historical terms. Show excellent understanding of the key features of the period studied.	Produce extended writing that is very well structured, always using paragraphs, introductions and conclusions effectively. Research is evident in work and successfully deployed. Use a wide range of historical terms confidently. Show excellent understanding and detailed knowledge of the key features of the period studied.
Analysis	Can describe arguments/reasons/causes in	Can describe arguments/reasons/causes in	Include some analytical points in written work and begin to come to conclusions. Explain the links between features of	Write essays that are mainly analytical rather than descriptive. Explain the links between features of the past.

	supporting detail.	supporting detail. Understand that some reasons or causes are more important than others. Understand that some events are more significant than others.	the past. Identify the most important reasons or causes. Select events that are more significant.	Identify the most important reasons or causes. Be able to make a judgement about the significance of events.
Evidential thinking	Use a source to find out about the past and describe what a source says. Start to understand the difference between fact and opinion. Describe an interpretation of the past.	Select relevant detail from sources and summarise what a source suggests as well as what it actually says/shows. Evidence of some contextual knowledge applied. Some simple analysis of provenance evident. Understand that there are different interpretations of the past and begin to understand the reasons why.	 Handle sources effectively and can summarise what the source says/shows with also identifying strong inferences. Relevant detailed contextual knowledge applied to the sources but not explained. Developed analysis of provenance and begins to assess purpose. Give some reasons for why interpretations of the past differ. 	Handle sources effectively, and begin to understand more difficult sources such as bias. Can select inferences from sources and deploy relevant contextual knowledge to support the source. Developed analysis of provenance and begins to assess purpose and consider the utility of the source. Confidently explain why there are different interpretations of the past.