

# GETTING AHEAD



Start to develop skills that are relevant to your course before you join HSDC this September!

## History – A Level

### The Making of Modern Britain 1951-2007

The following tasks will help you to get ahead in terms of knowledge and skills needed for the unit: Britain 1951-2001. This unit is covered in the Autumn term.

#### Activity

1. Research Task (knowledge)

Produce a timeline for the period 1945-2007 showing;

- Prime Minister
- Party
- Date

2. Skills and knowledge

Research the Atlee government 1945-51 and answer the question;

***“How significant was the Atlee government in changing Britain between 1945-1979”***

You need to investigate and include in your answer:

- What changes did it make?
- Why did it change these things?
- Did the changes last?
- How significant were the changes?

Aim for max two sides of A4 or 500 words.

These links will help you -

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/timeline/present\\_timeline\\_noflash.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/timeline/present_timeline_noflash.shtml)

[https://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/pm\\_and\\_pol\\_tl\\_01.shtml](https://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/pm_and_pol_tl_01.shtml)

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## Read

The textbooks we use are below but there is no expectation that you will buy these. When you join us we will give you printed booklets and access to eBooks.

- Oxford AQA History for A Level: The Making of Modern Britain 1951-2007. Waller & Hugh
- A Level History for AQA The Making of Modern Britain, 1951-2007 Student Book by David Smith, David Dutton, Lucien Jenkins, Richard Kerridge, Edited by Michael Fordham
- Access to History: Britain 1951-2007 Second Edition by Michael Lynch

The following links will take you to some of our A/A\* extra reading. These chapters are from Having it so Good by Peter Hennessy.

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=131mpUwiUvDDImKhGjm2jZYNKevxCLt68>

[https://drive.google.com/open?id=1biWgPrLD6-wESDchtEkk64N\\_CY4VZN7H](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1biWgPrLD6-wESDchtEkk64N_CY4VZN7H)

[https://drive.google.com/open?id=1-QPXh0-iE8ssqZe7O4eA6zLOiGo\\_HpPI](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1-QPXh0-iE8ssqZe7O4eA6zLOiGo_HpPI)

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=14yBueZoNlhYuL6Tjz7vwvtRdQ2a8jMbl>

## Watch

We will use lots of different types of visual media during your lessons. Some are made for students of History and some are more general programmes made for entertainment. The focus below is on the era 1951-64.

### 1. Gresham College Lectures

There are a large number of these lectures and they cover many aspects of modern British history. They give you an idea of the type of lecture that you will meet at university, so don't worry if you find them hard! The more you learn about the period, the easier you will find these. If you are not yet ready for this type of content, that is fine.

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- **Britain in the 20th Century: The Conservative Reaction, 1951-1965**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zHdAhqitKSc>
- **The Character Of The Postwar Period - Professor Vernon Bogdanor**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kkMQyuTKPxY>
- **The Suez Crisis of 1956 - Professor Vernon Bogdanor**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YBNvAGkVGpw>

## **2. The Crown. Series 1. Netflix**

Series 1 covers the period 1948-56. The episodes below focus on Churchill as Prime Minister and Eden his rival. These are issues we will look at in the lessons, but the whole series is good in helping you to understand the 1951-56 era.

Episode 7. Scientia Potentia Est

Episode 9. Assassins

**3. This is a summary taken from the real news clips showing some of the events portrayed in Series 1 of The Crown.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8MhR03ddTSw>

## **4. Saturday Night Sunday Morning (film)**

### **5. A Taste of Honey (film)**

Part of the syllabus has a focus on society and culture and these films were considered shocking at the time. There are some clips on YouTube or you may be able to find them on streaming sites. You might like to consider why they were seen as shocking.

### **6. The Other Side of Suez**

We study the Suez Crisis in class, and this is a good documentary to help you to understand the issues.

[https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=The+other+side+of+suez](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=The+other+side+of+suez)

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## 7. Windrush

This is a four-part series of one-hour television documentaries originally broadcast on BBC2 in 1998 to mark the 50th anniversary of the arrival in Britain of the MV Empire Windrush, the ship that brought the first significant wave of post-war West Indian immigrants.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YGTm\\_Gsvyzw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YGTm_Gsvyzw)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YTBAIG\\_5oQk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YTBAIG_5oQk)

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