## SUGGESTED WAYS TO USE LONDON & 'HISTORY AROUND US' THROUGHOUT THE NEW HISTORY PROGRAMME OF STUDY

## **INTRODUCTION**

The revised National Curriculum provides teachers with good opportunities to develop their history curriculum with a significant local flavour. Here are some potential options

## **Options**

- Undertake study of specific site, institution or locality within the local area (could be the school, place of worship, park, high street, historic house, factory etc)
- A study of where and how your locality or borough fits into the London area and its history
- Area local to school in your locality's historical and geographical contexts.
- Undertake a longitudinal study of a theme through time e.g. homes, trade and transport, occupations
- One or more discrete depth studies within the key stage period, aspect or theme (e.g. the Thames; culture and the arts; trade and global links; 'architectures' public, monumental and vernacular; 'peopling' of London; governance).
- Study an aspect of national history through the prism of the locality e.g. WW2, Rich and poor in Victorian London,
- Study over time across the key stage i.e. take time out within each topic studied to visit the locality's s past at that time...(a series of mini depth studies) and pull together at the end of the key stage
- Treat as a project with choice of foci or themes (jigsaw). Could pull wide range of outcomes together through group exhibition or presentation maybe with a specified purpose.

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| Subject Content – KS1        | London & SE   |
|------------------------------|---|
| Changes within living memory | <ul><li>Events in London e.g. weddings &amp; funerals</li><li>WW2</li></ul> |
|                              | Transport in London   |
|                              | Olympic Games   |
|                              | • Sports  |
|                              | <ul> <li>Shopping and markets</li> </ul>                                    |
|                              | • Houses  |
|                              | • Schools   |

| Events beyond living memory that are               | The Fire of London   |
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| significant nationally or globally                 | The Gunpowder Plot   |
|  | The Great Plague   |
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| • the lives of significant individuals in the past | Boudicca   |
| who have contributed to national and               | Dick Whittington   |
| international achievements.                        | Guy Fawkes   |
|  | Samuel Pepys   |
|  | Ignatius Sancho  |
|  | Mary Wollstonecraft  |
|  | Geoffrey Chaucer   |
|  | Sylvia Pankhurst   |
|  | Isambard Kingdom Brunel                                      |
|  | Joseph Bazalgette  |
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| Significant historical events, people and          | <ul> <li>Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey,</li> </ul> |
| places in their own locality.                      | Hampton Court, Tower of London.                              |
|  | The Armistice  |
|  | • VE Day   |
|  | WW II and evacuation   |
|  | The Great Exhibition   |
|  | Migration – people on the move                               |
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## Key stage 2

| Subject Content KS2                               | London & SE   |
|---|---|
| Changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron | Artefact finds – animal bones and evidence of hunting & butchering – tools and weapons                              |
| Age   | <ul> <li>Archaeological sites e.g. Uxbridge, Heathrow, Ilford, Thames<br/>foreshore, Beckton, Plumstead.</li> </ul> |
|   | Apparent/likely ritual offerings in Thames  |
|   | NB Museum of London & British Museum  |
| the Roman Empire and its                          | Established as trading post   |
| impact on Britain                                 | 60AD – Boudica leads resistance to Roman rule   |
|   | • 120AD London on fire  |
|   | 200AD City wall built   |
|   | Spitalfields woman (originally from Spain)  |
|   | 410AD Romans withdraw from London & England   |
|   | NB Museum of London   |
| Britain's settlement by<br>Anglo-Saxons and Scots | Lundenwic - Settlement west of city Strand, Covent Garden,     Trafalgar Square area                                |
|   | "market of many people coming by land and sea" Venerable Bede   |
|   | Attacked by the Danes (Vikings)   |
|   |   |
| the Viking and Anglo-Saxon                        |   |

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| struggle for the Kingdom of    | 886 population of Lundenwic moved back into city by King Alfred –     |
| England to the time of         | for protection  |
| Edward the Confessor           | • 1013 Danes take London – Aethelread called on Norwegian Vikings     |
|                                | for help  |
|                                | London Bridge sabotaged by Norwegian Vikings & Danes fall into        |
|                                | Thames  |
|                                | Edward the Confessor builds Westminster Abbey & Palace                |
| a local history study - either |   |
| a depth study linked to        | London before London (& locality in context)                          |
| one of the British areas       | London as a centre for trade (e.g. Roman pd)                          |
| of study (prehistoric,         | London as a centre for trade (e.g. Norman pa)                         |
| Roman, Anglo-Saxon or          |   |
| Viking Britain)                |   |
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| a study over time tracing      | The Thames through time   |
| how several aspects            | London as a centre for government                                     |
| national history are           | London & conflict Boudica, Vikings, Peasants' Revolt, Civil War       |
| reflected in the locality      | London & culture  |
| (this can go beyond<br>1066)   | Shakespeare, Johnson, Handel, Dickens etc.                            |
|                                | Internal and external migration (Industrial Revolution, urbanisation, |
|                                | Windrush, Asian sub-continent etc. etc.)                              |
|                                | Monarchy in London  |
|                                | Elizabethan London  |
|                                | Georgian London   |
|                                | Victorian London  |
|                                | Peopling London   |
|                                |   |
| a study of an aspect of        | London in crisis over time AD60 & Boudica; Fire of London 1666,       |
| history or a site dating       | Blitz WW2   |
| from a period beyond           | Transport in London   |
| 1066 that is significant in    | London Bridge or bridges – Tower Bridge?                              |
| the locality.                  | • Tower of London   |
|                                | • Growth of London (19th century)                                     |
|                                | Trade and Empire – East India Company.     Situation and an           |
|                                | City of London  |
|                                |   |
| a study of an aspect or        | Public Health in London Black Death, Great Plague, cholera, Great     |
| theme in British history       | Stink – Joseph Bazalgette, Dr Snow                                    |
| that extends pupils'           |   |
| chronological knowledge        | Hospitals, asylums in London etc – Foundling Hospital?                |
| beyond 1066                    | Institutions, charities e.g. Dr Barnado, Salvation Army               |
|                                | Schools   |
|                                | Crime and punishment  |
|                                | Order and disorder  |
|                                | Occupations over time in London                                       |