History Assessment Criteria

	Foundation (1-3)	Developing (4-5)	Secure (6-7)	Excellence (8-9)
Chronological Understanding	 You can sequence events e.g. a timeline. You can divide the past into different periods of time. You can recognise similarities and differences between periods of time. 	You can describe features of past societies and make links between different historical periods from British History.	You can describe different societies and periods from British and other History and make links between features within and across different periods.	You have extensive knowledge of history and you can analyse developments and changes in different places and between different periods.
Causation Explaining why things happened. Cause and Consequence	 You can give a range of reasons why something has happened by describing the causes. 	 You can explain why something has happened by describing a range of causes and showing some links between them. 	You can explain why something has happened by referring to a wide range of causes and showing links between them.	 You are sophisticated in your explanations of causation, clearly analysing each factor and showing how they link both to the question but also to each other.
Historical Enquiry Using evidence How you work with historical source materials	 You can find answers to questions by reading historical sources. 	 You can use a range of sources to support or challenge a statement or answer a question. 	 You can use sources to reach conclusions whilst also being aware of their origins, intended audience and purpose. 	 You are able to use sources in light of their context, audience and purpose to help reach and support well-reasoned conclusions.
Significance/ Interpretations How and why the past has been represented in different ways Judging the importance of an event against criteria	You can give some reasons why an event or person might be considered significant (important) based on the impact the event or person has.	 You can begin to apply criteria for judging the significance of an event for different groups of people within a society. You can begin thinking about how different people interpret the significance of an event. 	 You are able to use criteria to judge significance both at the time and over time. You are also able to explain why different groups may interpret significance differently according to their own perspectives. 	You are able to analyse different interpretations and judgements on significance in depth to reach reasoned conclusions about an event or person.
Communication Your ability to communicate your ideas in speech and writing	 You can answer questions by writing one or more short paragraphs about the topic. You will still tend to answer in single sentences. You can begin to set your own research questions. Your answers will be in paragraphs and begin to show signs of more formal structure. 	Your writing will be more formally structured showing evidence of hamburger paragraphs with topic sentences at the start and linking back to the question at the end. You will use some evidence to support the points you make. You will begin to evaluate your work.	 You will communicate in well- structured ways with a developed style for extended writing. You will write introductions and conclusions which link to the topic. You will use multiple pieces of evidence to support the points you make and make strong links back to the question or topic. You make confident use of historical terminology. You evaluate your work effectively. 	 You can communicate both confidently and precisely in a well-structured manner. Your essays have a strong structure which allows you to analyse a question, provide evidence, cross reference and reach a reasoned conclusion. You make excellent use of terminology and effectively evaluate your own work.