**Subject / Year Group: History Year 9 Unit Number:** 1

**Title: Introduction to Expansion and Interconnection: East Meets West**

**Length of Unit: 10 Weeks**

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| **Summary of Unit**  |
| We are living in a world of increasing interconnectedness. Politically, culturally, socially and economically the world is becoming a smaller and more interconnected place. The big story this year is that growing interconnectedness between humans brings both advantages and disadvantages, benefits and costs, opportunities and challenges and with growing complexity comes increasing fragility. Students will consider this during the first unit by a consideration of the political, social and economic relationships between the East and West during the period 250AD – 1250AD. Students will consider the growth and fragility of interconnectedness in the Roman Empire followed by a study of the Silk Road as a catalyst for economic interconnectedness through trade. Students will discover how individuals have played a significant role through case studies on the rise of Islam and through consideration of Ghenghis Khan’s Mongol Empire. The role of religion is explored by a study of the Middle-East during the period of the Crusade invasions.  |
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| **How will progress be measured?**  |
| Diagnostic Assessment:  |  A short diagnostic multiple-choice test will be taken by students by the end of the first lesson. Covering knowledge drawn from the Year 8 BISH curriculum and the English National Curriculum. |
| Formative Assessment:  |  Students key conceptual understanding is assessed ongoing through assessing a variety of class and home learning activities. As students understanding of the big story develops they will note down key ideas in a planning sheet that will be utilized for writing the essay and advice and feedback will be given on the quality of the notation. |
| Summative Assessment:  |  Students will demonstrate their conceptual understanding of this study across time through a written essay titled: How beneficial was the relationship between East and West 250AD-1250AD? |
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| **Support Available**  |
| Home Support:  | http://www.bishoustonhumanities.net/1-east-meets-west.html |
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