Subject	History	
Title/Topic	**Format**	**Length**
Paper 1 – Knowledge test	Multiple choice	45 mins
Paper 2 – 'Should the Dark Ages be called the Dark Ages?"	Essay	45 mins

In this Advent assessment I will be asked to show I can…

- Recall key knowledge from the Anglo-Saxon knowledge organiser.
- Demonstrate I understand why some people believed Anglo-Saxon England to be a 'Dark Age' characterised by bloodthirsty Vikings.
- Illustrate how I understand the role early Christianity had on changing England.
- Use the lives of Alfred the Great and his daughter Aethelflaed prove England was advancing as a country.
- Construct an essay to answer the question 'Should the Dark Ages be called the Dark Ages?"
- We will be looking for the following features:

  - An introduction which: explains the question, and makes an argument.
  - Paragraphs which answer the question (A.T.Q) in the first and last sentence.
  - Paragraphs which stick to the point (S.T.P).
  - A conclusion which powerfully restates your argument.
  - Detail which is relevant, specific and accurate.
  - Lots of explanation developing that detail – 'so what?'
  - Accurate spelling – check your work.
  - Accurate punctuation and grammar – check your work.
  - Sentences which are short, clear and make sense.
  - Sustained judgement throughout your essay.

What should I do to revise and prepare for this assessment?

To prepare for this assessment:

1. Ensure that your essay planning sheet that you start in class is fully completed.
2. Ensure that all reading tasks in your prep booklet have been completed.
3. Learn all the questions in your prep booklet knowledge organiser on the Anglo-Saxons, using look, cover, write, check.
4. Read over notes from each lesson and consolidate learning by writing summary paragraphs.

What useful websites/resources could I use to help me prepare?

- Knowledge organisers
- https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize
- https://www.thenational.academy/