

# GCSE Health and the People unit

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## General resource - podcasts:

Revisionist History New takes on a wide range of historical events, people and ideas along with unusual and undiscovered stories. Episodes cover everything from civil rights to our relationship with technology. References and extras can also be found on the website. [revisionisthistory.com](http://revisionisthistory.com)

## PODCASTS:

[https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00773tm?fbclid=IwAR11x6AIjMyNeZxccsqjCOWJICxNh\\_Eobdd\\_rrszs-OUxNkcS8nR8IPBq1c](https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00773tm?fbclid=IwAR11x6AIjMyNeZxccsqjCOWJICxNh_Eobdd_rrszs-OUxNkcS8nR8IPBq1c)

## SUGGESTED WEBSITES

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/history/shp/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/science/medicine/>

<http://www.spartacus.schoolnet.co.uk/REVhistorymedicine.htm>

[www.bbc.co.uk/history](http://www.bbc.co.uk/history)

[www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/broughttolife.aspx](http://www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/broughttolife.aspx) (range of interactive resources)

<https://wellcomecollection.org/explore>

[www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zhphvcw](http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zhphvcw)

BBC Class Clips

[www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zj26n39](http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zj26n39)

BBC Teach Medicine Through Time videos:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tRbI2JszKd4&list=PLcvEcrsF\\_9zJ8AqMTFZycm46Ks4DdSaLM&index=2](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tRbI2JszKd4&list=PLcvEcrsF_9zJ8AqMTFZycm46Ks4DdSaLM&index=2)

[www.jennermuseum.com](http://www.jennermuseum.com)

\***GCSE POD** - you can access this through the Goldington Academy website. This contains a large number of short video clips linked directly to our units of study

## BBC HISTORY MAGAZINE (copies of articles available on request from History Department)

- May 2018, Sasha Handley, '*Sleep tips from history*', (investigates how our ancestors from the early modern era and beyond tackled sleeplessness)
- June 2018, Samuel Cohn, '*Oh father, why have you abandoned me?*' (an article about deserting relatives during the Black Death)
- June 2018, Hodgman and Scott-Dearing, '*A bite-sized history of dentistry*'
- July 2018, Matthew Thomson, '*The birth pains of the NHS*' (an investigation into the difficulties of introducing this brand new idea)
- September 2018, Elma Brenner, '*Medieval medicine: Killer or cure?*' (an exploration of the idea that medieval medicine was not as bad as has traditionally been thought)
- September 2018, James Gregory, '*Veggie Victorians*' (an explanation of why some Britons chose a meat-free diet in the 19<sup>th</sup> century)
- October 2018, Tim Farron, '*William Beveridge*' (a short article about the man behind the Welfare State and NHS)
- July 2020, '*Michael Wood on the Black Death*' (a consideration of whether pandemics change us forever).

<https://www.historyextra.com/> is the home of BBC magazine articles and podcasts. You can search by topic

In GCSE Hindsight magazine, September 2019, '*The penicillin revolution*' by Beth Albery (an investigation into how the discovery and development of penicillin transformed medicine).

## NON-FICTION

### **Steven Johnson: *The Ghost Map - A Street, an Epidemic and the Hidden Power of Urban Networks***

This explains how Snow and Whitehead discovered the cause of cholera

### **Wendy Moore: *The Knife Man - Blood, Body-snatching and the Birth of Modern Surgery***

A biography of John Hunter

### **Richard Hollingham: *Blood and Guts - A History of Surgery***

### **Dr James Le Fanu: *The Rise and Fall of Modern Medicine***

This follows the history of medicine from the Second World War through to the present day and discusses changes in diet, modern genetics and how we have conquered modern diseases

**Roy Porter: Blood and Guts - A Short History of Medicine**

This covers a broad period and each chapter sums up topics such as surgery, doctors, disease, hospitals, laboratories and the human body

**Sandra Hempel: The Medical Detective**

This tells the story of John Snow, the Broad Street pump and Snow's discovery that cholera was a water-borne disease

**Eric Lax: The Mould in Dr Florey's Coat**

This explores Fleming's discovery of penicillin

**FICTION**

**JF = junior fiction**

**AF = adult fiction**

**Malorie BLACKMAN****Pig heart boy****JF**

Cameron Kelsey has only a few months to live, and is no longer able to play sport, swim or live a normal life in any way. With no suitable human heart donor available, he agrees to try the revolutionary new process and is given a new heart, from a pig.

**Theresa BRESLIN****Remembrance****JF**

1915 - Scotland. A group of teenagers meet for a picnic, but all too soon the horror of what is to be known as The Great War engulfs them, their friends and the whole village. From the horror of the trenches, to the devastating reality seen daily by those nursing the wounded, they struggle to survive.

**Julie HEARN****The Merrybegot****JF**

In the seventeenth century a Merrybegot was a child conceived on May morning and believed to have powers of witchcraft. Nell is such, and is learning the skills of herbal cures and midwifery from her grandmother. Grace, the eldest daughter of a strict puritan minister, has fallen pregnant. To disguise her condition she pretends to be possessed, implying that Nell has bewitched her. Grace's father calls in the Witchfinder General with horrifying consequences.

**Mary HOOPER****At the Sign of the Sugared Plum JF**

Through Hannah's eyes, Mary Hooper brilliantly recreates the smells, sounds and sights of seventeenth century London life. Hannah's excitement at coming to the big city is vividly evoked as is the growing terror of a seemingly unstoppable plague that takes hold of the city, street by street, house by house.

**Mary HOOPER****Newes from the dead****JF**

In 1650 Anne Green, a young servant girl, gave birth prematurely to an illegitimate child. The baby died and Anne was falsely accused of infanticide. In front of a large crowd she was hanged and then carried to the College of Physicians to be dissected for medical science. As Anne's corpse lay on the table and the doctors assembled, a strange rattle was heard in her throat - could she still be alive?

**Elizabeth LAIRD****Crusade****JF**

This story is about two boys, two faiths, and one unholy war. When Adam's mother dies unconfessed, he pledges to save her soul with dust from the Holy Land. Employed as a dog-boy for the local knight, Adam grabs the chance to join the Crusade to reclaim Jerusalem. Salim, a merchant's son, is leading an uneventful life in the port of Acre - until news arrives that a Crusader attack is imminent. To keep Salim safe, his father buys him an apprenticeship with an esteemed, travelling doctor. But Salim's employment leads him to the heart of Sultan Saladin's camp.

**Sally NICHOLLS****All fall down****JF**

When Isabel's Yorkshire village is devastated by the Black Death, it seems that the world is ending in horror and fear. However, for the survivors of the terrible plague, a new and freer society will rise from the destruction of the feudal system that enslaved the family.

**Kenneth OPPEL****This dark endeavour****JF**

Victor Frankenstein, his twin brother Konrad and their beautiful cousin Elizabeth lead a privileged life, taught at home and spending their spare time fencing and horseback riding. They have explored all the passageways and secret rooms of the Frankenstein chateau except one. The Dark Library contains ancient tomes filled with forbidden knowledge. When Konrad becomes deathly ill, Victor knows he must find the book that contains the recipe for the legendary Elixir of Life. His success depends on how far he is willing to push the boundaries of nature, science, and love - and how much he is willing to sacrifice.

**Linda NEWBERY****Some other war****JF**

Life changes completely for twins Alice and Jack when the First World War breaks out. Jack leaves the stables to fight and Alice becomes a nurse.

**Malcolm ROSE****Clone****JF**

Jordan Finch's father is a top scientist in the field of human cloning. However, Jordan is concerned about his father's crusade to clone a human being because he has seen the deformities and early deaths of cloned monkeys.

**Malcolm ROSE****Kiss of Death****JF**

On a school trip to the plague village of Eyam in Derbyshire, Seth is moved by the story of how villagers sacrificed their lives to the Black Death. Kim and Wes are more interested in the money at the bottom of the well. When they take the coins, they also disturb the past. As the consequences of their theft unfurl, Seth is forced to wonder if Eyam's plague-ridden past has resurfaced to seek revenge.

**Mary SHELLEY****Frankenstein****AF**

A young student of natural philosophy learns the secret of imparting life to a creature constructed from relics of the dead, with horrific consequences. Frankenstein confronts some of the most feared consequences of evolution, such as degeneracy, hereditary disease, and mankind's status as a species of animal.

**Jill Paton WALSH****A Parcel of Patterns****JF**

A fictional account of the true story of the villagers of Eyam in Derbyshire, who attempted to stop the spread of the plague by cutting themselves off from the world.

## FILMS AND TELEVISION

### **Pain, Pus and Poison: The Search for Modern Medicines**

This three-part series looks at the development and use of modern drugs and pharmaceuticals

### **Blood and Guts: A History of Surgery**

This five-part series looks at the history of surgery from the dark ages up to the present day

### **Fit to Rule: How Royal Illness Changed History**

A three-part series that explores how the physical and mental health of our past monarchs has shaped the history of the nation

The Discovery Channel has a highly recommended documentary on medicine in its *100 Greatest Discoveries* series

[https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000w6s5?fbclid=IwAR1LiOgbk-ckD\\_iPbWW5h89oETImZeGmzlhD1wUJ\\_3weJIOq21PSOzJulgg%27](https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000w6s5?fbclid=IwAR1LiOgbk-ckD_iPbWW5h89oETImZeGmzlhD1wUJ_3weJIOq21PSOzJulgg%27)

Each of the four episodes explores one aspect of public health that has played a central role in extending life expectancy. From the history of vaccination, to how we have developed safe and effective medicines, the use of data gathering and analysis in preventing epidemics, and how our own behaviour can affect the progress of disease.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3c4KZKarKL4> This BBC documentary explores the Black Death.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VN2nHLKHJD8> Tony Robinson explores the Middle Ages in this documentary.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VN2nHLKHJD8> Tony Robinson explores some of the worst jobs in the Middle Ages.