PROVISIONAL SCHEME OF LECTURES
IN A TWO-YEAR CYCLE

FIRST YEAR OF CYCLE

Michaelmas Term 2011
ANGLO-SAXON ENGLAND TO THE DEATH OF KING OFFA
Professor S. D. Keynes

WEEK ONE
1. General introduction, on the nature of the subject

WEEK TWO
2. The Anglo-Saxon settlements (fifth and sixth centuries)

WEEK THREE
3. Bede’s ‘Magnificent Seven’, the ‘Bretwaldas’, and the Anglo-Saxon ‘Heptarchy’

WEEK FOUR
4. The testimony of the spade and of the metal detector: Taplow, Sutton Hoo, Prittlewell, the Staffordshire Hoard, and Yeavering

WEEK FIVE
5. The Mercian Supremacy, I: King Æthelbald (716–57)

WEEK SIX
6. The Mercian Supremacy, II: The construction, deconstruction, and reconstruction of Offa, king of the Mercians (757–96)

WEEK SEVEN
7. The Mercian Supremacy, III: Aspects of the ‘Mercian Supremacy’ during the reign of King Offa

WEEK EIGHT
8. The Mercian Supremacy, IV: The Mercian Legacy (Alcuin and Offa)

Lent Term 2012
ENGLAND IN THE NINTH CENTURY
Professor S. D. Keynes

WEEK ONE
1. The kingdom of the Mercians 796–825
Easter Term 2012
THEMES AND PROBLEMS
Professor S. D. Keynes

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SECOND YEAR OF CYCLE

Michaelmas Term 2012
ENGLAND, c. 900 – c. 1066
[Professor S. D. Keynes on leave]

WEEK ONE
1. Introduction for the second year of the cycle: Anglo-Saxon history since Stenton

WEEK TWO
2. Edward the Elder and the ‘Kingdom of the Anglo-Saxons’ (899–924)

WEEK THREE
3. The making of the ‘Kingdom of the English’, I: Æthelstan (924–39)

WEEK FOUR
4. The making of the ‘Kingdom of the English’, II: Edmund (939–46), Eadred (946–55), and Eadwig (955–9)

WEEK FIVE
5. The making of the ‘Kingdom of the English’, III: Edgar (959–75)

WEEK SIX
6. The ‘Monastic Reform Movement’, I: Dunstan, Oswald, and Æthelwold

WEEK SEVEN
7. The ‘Monastic Reform Movement’, II: Ely Abbey in the late tenth century

WEEK EIGHT
8. The ‘Late Anglo-Saxon State’ (including the Danelaw)
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WEEK ONE
1. King Æthelred the Unready, I

WEEK TWO
2. King Æthelred the Unready, II

WEEK THREE

WEEK FOUR

WEEK FIVE
5. Sons and Mothers: Harold Harefoot and Harthacnut (1035–42)

WEEK SIX
6. Edward the Confessor, I: 1041–51 <Succession Plans A + B>

WEEK SEVEN
7. Edward the Confessor, II: 1052–66 <Succession Plans C, D and E>

Easter Term 2013
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