KINGSWINFORD ACADEMY
ASPIRE TO EXCELLENCE

Year 11 Achieve Excellence - Parent Support Guide
GCSE History

Key Exam Information:

Exam Board: Edexcel (Pearson)

Assessment: *There are 3 papers for GCSE History, sat on different dates. The topics/lengths/weighting of papers are below;*

PAPER 1 (Medicine, inc the Western Front) *1hr 20 minutes*	30%
PAPER 2 (The Elizabethans and The American West) *1 hr 50 minutes*	40%
PAPER 3 (Weimar and Nazi Germany) *1 hr 30 minutes*	30%

Course Overview:

At present, we are studying the American West in class, after Christmas we will move onto our final module of Weimar and Nazi Germany. Students completed Medicine and the Elizabethans during Year 10.

YEAR 10	*Autumn*	Medicine in Britain c1250-present
	Spring	The British Sector of the Western Front (medicine site study), Early Elizabethan England 1558-1588
	Summer	Early Elizabethan England 1558-1588
YEAR 11	*Autumn*	The American West c1835-c1895
	Spring	Weimar and Nazi Germany 1918-1945
	Summer	Revision/Exams

Key content/ skills covered:

- Recall Knowledge of all periods covered *(weekly homeworks on their Google Classroom will help support this - please encourage students to complete these)*
- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of topics covered
- Write clear paragraphs
- Analyse sources

Support for these skills are covered in our Achieve Excellence Programme, which runs after school on a Thursday in HU2

Dates of key assessments and deadlines:

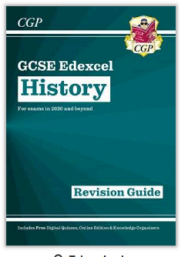
19/10/26 - 06/11/26 - Year 11 Mock Examinations 1 (assessing Paper 2 content)
For this mock, students will sit a full Elizabethans Paper and a partial American West Paper.
08/02/26 - 26/02/26 - Year 11 Mock Examinations 2 (assessing Paper 3 content)
For this mock, students will sit a full Germany paper.

Actual exam dates for Summer 2027 (provisional at present) are as follows;

- **History paper 1 will take place on the morning of Thursday 20th May**

- **History paper 2 will take place on the morning of Friday 28th May**
- **History paper 3 will take place on the afternoon of Wednesday, 9 June**

Links to past papers and revision guides:



Revision guides are available through the school shop on Arbor for £3.80 - we would recommend purchasing one through there as they are cheaper than buying from elsewhere.

Past papers can be found at;
https://www.savemyexams.com/gcse/history/edexcel/past-papers/

Students can request viewing access to the following Google folder;
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Orfa5lqd0h5K3Etx5y2OhX9vorjs9lhJ

Links to revision sites/ resources:

GCSE Bitesize: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zw4bv4j
The most useful resources for revision, outside of the revision guide, will be found on the GCSE History Revision Google Classroom - students can join this classroom with the code **rjc7uszc**. *This is also the classroom that online revision sessions will run from during holidays and the night before each exam.*

Point(s) of contact: For any queries, please contact your child's teacher, or the Curriculum Lead for History (JNaujeer@kingswinford.windsoracademytrust.org.uk)