






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;*

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| 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.

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

03/11/25 - 13/11/25 - 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.

23/02/26 - 27/02/26 - Year 11 Mock Examinations 2 (assessing Paper 3 content)

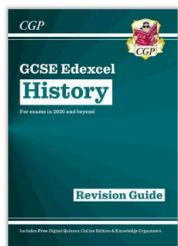
For this mock, students will sit a full Germany paper.

Actual exam dates for Summer 2026 are as follows;

- **History paper 1 will take place on the morning of Friday, 15 May**

- History paper 2 will take place on the morning of Thursday, 4 June
- History paper 3 will take place on the afternoon of Tuesday, 9 June

Links to past papers and revision guides:



Revision guides are available through the school shop on Arbor for £3.60 - 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)