

# WHS GCSE HISTORY INFORMATION FOR Y11 PARENTS - FEBRUARY 2023

## General introduction

As a result of Covid, the assessment for GCSE history has slightly changed for 2022. Students will now be assessed on the following units:

- **Medicine in Britain, c1250–present and The British sector of the Western Front, 1914–18: injuries, treatment and the trenches**
- **The American West, c1835–c1895**
- **Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918–39**

NB. Students will not take an exam on the unit *Anglo-Saxon and Norman England, c1060–88*, despite having studied it. The specification for the above units can be found at:

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/GCSE/History/2016/specification-and-sample-assessments/gcse-9-1-history-specification.pdf>

## How students will be assessed

Students will sit three examinations. The details of exam content, length of exams, marks available, and the percentage of the GCSE grade which each paper makes up are below.

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| <b>Paper 1</b> Thematic study with Historic environment ( <b>1 Hour 15 minutes</b> ) | 48 marks           | 37.5% |
| <b>Paper 2</b> Period study ( <b>55 minutes</b> )                                    | 32 marks           | 25%   |
| <b>Paper 3</b> Modern depth study ( <b>1 hour 20 minutes</b> )                       | 48 marks (+4 SPaG) | 37.5% |

## How can parents help plan for success in the GCSE exams?

Encourage your child to plan, and stick to, a timetable for revision. It is far better to revise smaller amounts of content more regularly than to try to learn the entire curriculum in the days before the exam. Quizzing your child, and helping them to recall key knowledge will prepare them well, as will reading though extended written pieces and helping your child to structure them coherently.

## Best websites for GCSE HISTORY revision

Visit the exam board website to look at past papers and mark schemes:

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/history-2016.html>

Use GCSE bitesize to look at information for our Edexcel specification on Germany

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zymqwx>

Use the BBC teach clips on you tube to re- cap key knowledge for medicine through time

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nVJV8iEAm88&list=PLcvEcrsF\\_9zJ8AqMTFZycm46Ks4DdSaLM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nVJV8iEAm88&list=PLcvEcrsF_9zJ8AqMTFZycm46Ks4DdSaLM)

Use the Oak National Academy lessons to complete any gaps in knowledge missed

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-key-stage/key-stage-4/subjects/history>