

Y11 Parents' Evening – History GCSE Information Sheet

AQA GCSE: History Specification: <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/history/gcse/history-8145>

Examination Information:

GCSE History is assessed in three separate papers, each one hour long, with 25% extra time for qualifying students. In the mock exams, all papers will be sat at the same time, but in the summer next year the exams will be on three separate days. The exam board has changed the demands of the exams for 2022, meaning that there will be three papers in the following order:

Germany 1890-1945 comprises six questions on Imperial Germany, Weimar Germany, and Nazi Germany.

Conflict and tension in Asia 1950-1975 comprises four questions covering the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

Britain: Migration, Power and the People, c790 to the present day includes four questions on migration to and from Britain and the growth and impact of the British Empire.

How you can support your child:

A quiet space to work and a regular routine for completing homework and revision are highly recommended. In order to achieve the best possible overall grade for their History GCSE we recommend that students get into the habit of **regular revision** sessions of thirty or forty minutes three or four times a week. This will help them retain the knowledge required in the exams. They should use their exercise books, for example **reading notes** and **highlighting key words**, then making **revision notes** such as on **flash cards**, then trying a **practice question**: most lessons include a past question example. There are revision materials on Myvle which will be used in lessons in the run up to the summer exams, but these would be useful practice for the mocks, too. They have been issued a revision guide on the Edward course, and it is worth buying the **My Revision Notes AQA GCSE (9-1) History (Second edition)** revision guide published by Hodder Education; ISBN 978-1510455610. The standard textbooks also offer advice on exam technique. Oxford University Press also produce revision guides which link closely to the textbooks we use: students have used these in revision lessons.

Websites:

BBC Bitesize has some revision pages on the AQA **Germany 1890-1945** course, but nothing else: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zskcg82>

We would **NOT** recommend Oak National Academy GCSE History – it covers a completely different set of exams.

Myvle:

All lessons and resources are available to students on Myvle. All past lessons can be found, and the current Britain: Migration, Power and the People, c790 to the present day course is being updated weekly. If students are working from home, they can also find the necessary reading materials as PDFs. There are also copies of fully **completed exercise books** covering the Germany and Asia courses. It is important that if students have been unable to complete any work that they catch up on the lessons that they have missed; this could be done by working through the questions on Myvle, photocopying a friend's work, or finding the answers in the 'model' exercise books. In this case, they should make sure that they carefully **read** the questions and answers, and **highlight** to show that they **understand** the key points.