

History GCSE Information Sheet

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

Examination Information:

GCSE History is assessed in four separate papers, each one hour long, with 25% extra time for qualifying students. They are examined two at a time, totalling two hours each. In the mock exams, questions from three of the four topic areas will be examined: Germany, Asia and Edward I. In the summer examinations there will be papers in the following order:

2 hour examination on:

Germany 1890-1945 - six questions on Imperial Germany, Weimar Germany, and Nazi Germany.
Conflict and tension in Asia 1950-1975 - four questions on the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

2 hour examination on:

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

Medieval England: the reign of Edward I, 1272–1307 – four questions on the reign of Edward I

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 have been issued **knowledge builders** - sets of revision notes - to use and learn. They should use their **knowledge builders** and 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 Moodle which will be used in lessons in the run up to the summer examinations, but these would be useful practice for the mocks, too. 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 **Migration** course, but nothing else specific to AQA: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zw46dmn/revision/1>

Moodle:

All lessons and resources are available to students on Moodle. All past lessons can be found, and revision pages will be updated after the mocks with more examples of good answers. 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 Moodle, photocopying a friend's work, or finding the answers in the 'model' exercise books and printing their own copies. A3 size can be printed at school. 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.

If you have any questions, please contact the History Curriculum Area via the school: info@ladymanners.derbyshire.sch.uk