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Dear Parents and Carers

GCSE History, Summer 2022

I am writing to inform you that – following guidelines from the Pearson (Edexcel) Exam Board – we will be implementing a change to your child’s History Curriculum. This alteration has been decided by the Exam Board following the extended closure of schools and the impact on learning due to the current pandemic. Following consultation with the Exam Board, I would like to outline the resulting change and allay any fears about potential impact.

Pearson have stipulated that History GCSE students will now be assessed on three topics, rather than the usual four, due to student absence from school in the previous academic year. As a Department, we have considered carefully which path is best for our students. After much careful deliberation, we have unanimously chosen the path which, we believe, will be best suited for them.

Consequently, students will be assessed in the following three topics in Summer 2022:

- Paper 2: Anglo-Saxon and Norman England, 1060 - 1088
- Paper 2: Superpower Relations and the Cold War, 1941 - 1991
- Paper 3: Mao’s China, 1949 - 1976

Revision materials on all three topics will be shared with the students to support their revision for both the Mock Exams and the GCSE Summer Exams.

I do understand that these are uncertain times, but I want to reassure you that this is a considered decision made by the History staff, on which we also took student feedback into consideration. We strongly believe that we have made the most positive decision for your child moving forward in their History studies.

Please feel free to email me should you have any questions or comments regarding this decision.

Yours sincerely

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