

25 January 2021

Dear Year 10 history student and parents,

Re: Change in GCSE history specification from 2021 onwards

I very much hope that this letter finds you well in times that are certainly quite unique for us all.

The purpose of writing to you is to both introduce myself and also communicate some content changes that we will be implementing in our Edexcel GCSE History course in the coming weeks.

My name is Mr Auger and I have joined Central Lancaster High School's teaching staff from January 2021 where I will be leading the history department. It has been a real pleasure to begin to work with staff and meet some of you online and I am very excited about meeting you in person and beginning to work with you in the classroom. I have taught history for 20 years in a range of schools and am passionate about supporting you all in any way that I can over the next 18 months ready for when you take your GCSE examination.

The challenges that we currently face are like no other time in my career and I know that for you as students, it can potentially be a very worrying one. Because of this, we have talked at length and decided to make some changes to the GCSE units that we will be studying in history. I have detailed these changes below but it is important that I outline the reasons for these changes. We have made these changes to include the below units because:

- Students are required to understand fewer political concepts
- The units have links that support understanding each other
- Each unit has an engaging and provoking subject matter that can be easily understood.

The table below details what these changes are going to be

GCSE Paper	Content originally indicated	Content that we will now study	When studied
Paper 1	Medicine Through Time c1250-present with an environment study on WWI 1914-18	Crime and Punishment c1000 – Present day with an environment study on Whitechapel 1870-1900 and the Jack the Ripper murders	Oct 2021 – April 2022

Principal:

Dr N. Walmsley



Paper 2	Superpower relations and the Cold War, 1941-91	No change to this unit	Completed already
Paper 2	Early Elizabethan England, 1558-88	No change to this unit	Completed already
Paper 3	Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918-39	The USA, 1954-75 – Civil Rights and the Vietnam War	Feb 2021 – Oct 2021

Should you have any questions I would be delighted to answer them or indeed discuss them with you.

I feel that it is also important to highlight the importance of attendance at lessons delivered over Microsoft Teams and the completion of any work set. Myself and Mr Chapman are now teaching the Year 10 classes and will post details of lessons and required work on Class Charts and Microsoft Teams. Should you have any questions regarding this work, please email us directly using the following addresses

10A is being taught by Mr Auger: mauger@lancasterhigh.lancs.sch.uk

10B is being taught by Mr Chapman: dchapman@lancasterhigh.uk

I am really excited to be joining the staff at Central Lancaster High School and look forward to supporting you all to be the best you can be.

Yours sincerely,



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