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Dear Parent/Carer

### **RE: GCSE HISTORY EXAMINATION CHANGES FOR 2022**

As you will be aware, there have been changes made to many of the GCSE examinations for this academic year of 2022 as a result of the pandemic. The exam regulatory board, Ofqual, has been consulting with both teachers and examiners over the course of the last 12 months to assess the need for changes to some subject disciplines.

It is now confirmed that exams for 2022 are set to recognise and mitigate the disruption to students' education, following final decisions recently made.

### **What does this mean for the GCSE History exam of 2022?**

Please see the information below from the exam board which helps to support the understanding of what changes have taken place.

*Students will only answer questions on three out of four studies. There will be a mixture of compulsory and optional studies.*

*The compulsory study will be the Wider World Depth study (Paper 1, Section B).*

*Students will also answer questions on two of the remaining three optional studies:*

- *the Period study (Paper 1, Section A)*
- *the Thematic study (Paper 2, Section A)*
- *the British Depth study with the historic environment (Paper 2, Section B).*

### **What does this mean for History students at Penwortham Priory Academy?**

Below are details of which units we are studying based on the above guidance:

1. Compulsory – Wider World Depth study – Conflict & Tension, 1918-1939
2. Period study – America, 1920-1973
3. Thematic study – Health and the people, c.1000-present day

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There will be **NO** advance information about topics as AQA have chosen to reduce the number of units to be studied.

As ever, we feel it important here at Priory that you are informed of such decisions so that you are able to offer your support from home. If you wish to find out more information about the History GCSE examinations of summer 2022, please do follow the link below where I have also attached the course details and examination dates:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/history/gcse/history-8145/changes-for-2022>

GCSE: History

Exam Board: AQA

AQA GCSE History Examination Dates		
Paper 1 -- Conflict & Tension	Paper 2 -- America	Paper 3 -- Health
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2022

Please be reassured that we have redesigned our own revision and intervention programmes here in school to reflect the amendments to the exam, enabling us to use our time most effectively to successfully deliver and prepare our students for their forthcoming exams.

If you have any concerns or would like more information, then please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Miss Makinson here in school.

Yours faithfully



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