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Dear Parents/Carers

RE: SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD WITH GCSE HISTORY REVISION

As we approach the crucial months leading up to the GCSE examinations, I am writing to emphasise the importance of revision, particularly for History which is knowledge rich and contains a lot of content, that when securely learnt, will form the key to being successful in writing exam responses. History is a key part of the curriculum and provides essential skills such as critical thinking, analysis, and the ability to construct well-reasoned arguments—skills that will serve your child well in their future studies and beyond.

The GCSE History syllabus covers a broad range of topics:

- Paper 1 – Medicine through time 1250 to present day.
- Paper 2 – Anglo Saxon and Norman England 1060-1087 and American West 1830-1895.
- Paper 3 – Weimar and Nazi Germany 1918-1939.

Mastering this material requires consistent, focused revision to ensure students can recall detailed information and apply it effectively in exam conditions. To maximise your child's potential in History to achieve a good grade, I would encourage you to support them with the following:

1. **Establishing a revision routine:** Encourage your child to allocate specific time slots each week for History revision. Breaking the syllabus into manageable sections can make the task less overwhelming. Students will find the full personal learning checklist on Google Classroom to help with breaking revising in to smaller chunks. Students will be given weekly knowledge retrieval booklets that should be completed as part of their revision schedule.
2. **Resources:** Ensure your child uses a mix of revision materials, such as their class notes, revision guides, and online resources. Many excellent platforms, such as BBC Bitesize and Seneca Learning, offer tailored content for GCSE History.
3. **Practicing Exam Questions:** Familiarity with exam-style questions is critical. Encourage your child to complete past papers under timed conditions and review mark schemes to understand the examiner's expectations. Students will also complete weekly exam practice based on a question they will revise and plan.
4. **Attending Revision Sessions:** ALPS is scheduled for a week 2 on a Monday (Option A) and Thursday (Option B). These sessions are a valuable opportunity for students to consolidate their learning and address any areas of difficulty.

We understand that preparing for exams can be challenging but with structured revision and consistent effort, your child can approach their GCSE History exam with confidence.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at if you have any questions or need additional resources to support your child on telephone number 01375 489000 or via email at johanna.curran@theglc.org.uk. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child's success.

Yours sincerely



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This QR code is a link to a Google Classroom that all Year 11s have access to with, exam material, revision checklists, text books, videos.

