



JJW/Y11History  
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Dear Parent/Carer

Study leave is fast approaching and I wanted to make it clear to you where revision resources can be found and what support is available to your son/daughter:

## i) Year 11 History Revision support

1. Teachers will be available in their rooms, or offices (students have been told) during the times when History lessons would have been taking place. Should any students want to come in with specific questions or exam answers that they want their teacher to mark they are very welcome to come in during these times.
2. Students have their exercise books, revision guide, PiXL app, and the department website to revise from.
3. An exam practice question has been emailed to all parents that contains almost 100 questions to practice on.
4. On **Friday, 1 June (last Friday of half term) from 10am-1pm there will be a revision masterclass session** put on in the Ritchie Hall. This is open to all students and will be a very timely session considering that Paper 1 is on Monday, 4 June. I would encourage as many students as possible to attend this.

## ii) Methods of Revision

There are many ways to revise GCSE History. Below are some effective methods:

- Use the PiXL app for knowledge acquisition
- Read class notes, or revision guide and summarise these notes onto smaller revision cards
- Attempt 'past' exam questions
- Create mind maps
- Blank page method: for this you take a topic and, from memory, write everything you can remember about it on a blank page. Then check this after against your notes/revision guide, and add in the missing information in a different colour. Try again, and keep going until you remember it all.
- Cover and reveal: read notes/revision guide, then cover the page and try to recite everything. Have a look if you can't remember something and then cover it up again and try again.

**SIMPLY READING YOUR NOTES IS NOT REVISION. IT IS NOT TESTING IF YOU KNOW IT.**

iii) **The Exams**

**Paper 1 – Medicine Monday, 4 June**

This paper is the Trenches part, followed by the Medicine through time part. It is 1hr 15mins long

**Paper 2 – Cold War and Elizabeth – Friday, 8 June**

This paper is the longest of the three exams at 1hr 45mins long.

**Students must remember that after the Cold War there is a section on Henry VIII in this exam paper. They must skip past this and get to the Elizabeth section.**

**Paper 3 – Weimar and Nazi Germany – Tuesday, 12 June**

This paper is 1hr 20mins long. It contains the sources and interpretations questions. Practice questions can be found in the accompanying exam practice booklet.

We hope to see your son/daughter at the revision masterclass session on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 10am in the Ritchie Hall. If there is anything else we can do to help support please do ask.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Wayman', written over a faint rectangular stamp.

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**Head of History**