

Our ref: CLA/JWI

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Dear parents and carers,

I am writing to you with important information about the upcoming **history** mock exams and to highlight some important revision opportunities for you son/daughter.

The student's mock exams will take place w/c 13th November and history students will sit two out of the three history papers: **Paper 1: Medicine in Britain** and **Paper 3: Weimar and Nazi Germany**.

We fully appreciate that the past few years in education have been challenging and this has had an impact on our Year 11 students, particularly in terms of their confidence and resilience. From our extensive knowledge of our students and from detailed analysis of the year 10 mock exams we know that students' knowledge of the Medicine paper in particular, is an area for development. We will have a razor-sharp focus on developing their knowledge and exam skills in academy lessons, however it is vital that students regularly revise outside of school as we build up to the exams. With this in mind, we suggest that students spend **at least an hour a week** revising topics. Revision materials such as knowledge organisers, core knowledge booklets, exam skills advice and revision guides are available to all Year 11 students on the Scott corridor, and we encourage students to take these home and use them to recap and revise key knowledge and skills. For example, in their **Medicine in Britain** paper, we recommend that students familiarise themselves with the 12 key individuals and their impact on the development of medical knowledge and practice across time as well as the differences between cause, prevention, diagnosis and treatment across time periods.

We offer enrichment after school every **Monday, Wednesday and Friday**, which we encourage all Year 11 students to attend to help their revision. We also offer a Humanities Breakfast Club on a **Wednesday** morning from 8am in S1 where we cover quick 4 mark questions. There is clear evidence that students who attend these sessions do better in their exams. In addition to this, I would also like to take this opportunity to point you in the direction of the Outwood History website that is full of useful revision guides, revision videos and tips for all 3 papers:
<https://history.outwood.com/home/gcse>

The humanities department has a team of expert teachers who will support your child to reach their full potential. I thank you in advance for encouraging your child to revise and complete revision homework set in the run up to the mock exam season and as always, please do email if you have any questions or queries.

Yours sincerely,

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