

GCSE History

What can you do to improve?



What do I need to revise?

PAPER 1: Understanding the modern world.

SECTION A: Period studies

Germany, 1890-1945: Democracy and dictatorship.

SECTION B: Wider world depth studies

Conflict and tension, 1918-1939

PAPER 2: Shaping the nation

SECTION A: Thematic studies

Britain: Health and the people: c1000 to the present.

SECTION B: British depth studies including the historic environment.

Elizabethan England, 1568-1603.

How it's assessed

- Two written exams: Both are 2 hours.
- 84 marks (including four marks for spelling, punctuation and grammar)
- Each exam = 50% of the GCSE.

Use the Learning Portal to access the GCSE REVISION FOLDER.

Log onto 'Teams', go to the 'Learning Portal', 'History', 'GCSE History,' GCSE REVISION FOLDER. **Here you will find a range of revision resources split into Paper One and Paper Two.**



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Resource	Study Skill	What to do
Checklists		Use the revision sheets and textbooks (see GCSE HISTORY REVISION folder) to identify your strong and weak areas. Spend at least one hour per week revising weak areas.
Flashcards and revision booklets	 	Use the resources that are in the GCSE REVISION FOLDER to help you revise. It would be a good idea to use knowledge tests / notes from lessons / information from GCSE REVISION FOLDER to create flashcards / mind-maps.
Past Papers		Look back through your book and write out the exam questions you have answered, use the feedback given to improve on these. Look at the sample papers in the GCSE REVISION FOLDER.
BBC GCSE Bitesize		https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/examspecs/zxjk4j6m This site has useful revision resources. Also try: http://www.johndclare.net/Weimar1.htm http://www.johndclare.net/peace_treaties1.htm http://www.johndclare.net/RoadtoWWII1.htm
GCSEPod		Use GCSEPod to review your understanding of the different topics.
Afterschool revision sessions	Exam Technique	Attend after-school sessions: Monday – M34 Tuesday & Wednesday – M35

How can parents help?

1. Check that your son/daughter is making full use of all the resources and support available.

We have worked hard to provide resources that will help with revision.

Please check that your son/daughter is using these resources.

- Are they using the revision materials that are on the Learning Portal?
- Have they printed out the revision checklists and practice exam questions for each exam paper?
- Are they following a realistic revision timetable?
- Are they attending after school support sessions and making full use of lesson time?



2. Check that your son/daughter is using effective revision strategies.

It is crucial that pupils follow the advice they have been given about how to revise. Simply reading through notes is not enough. The key tips for successful revision in History are:

- Summarising – Encourage your son/daughter to summarise key topics using flashcards, a Mind Map, diagram or revision poster. They could teach you about a key topic from the revision checklist or you could test them on their ability to recall key information on their flashcards.
- Regular self-testing – Testing tells you what you know and what you don't know and therefore where to focus further study. Recalling what you have learned causes your brain to reconsolidate the memory, which strengthens its connections to what you already know and makes it easier to recall in the future.

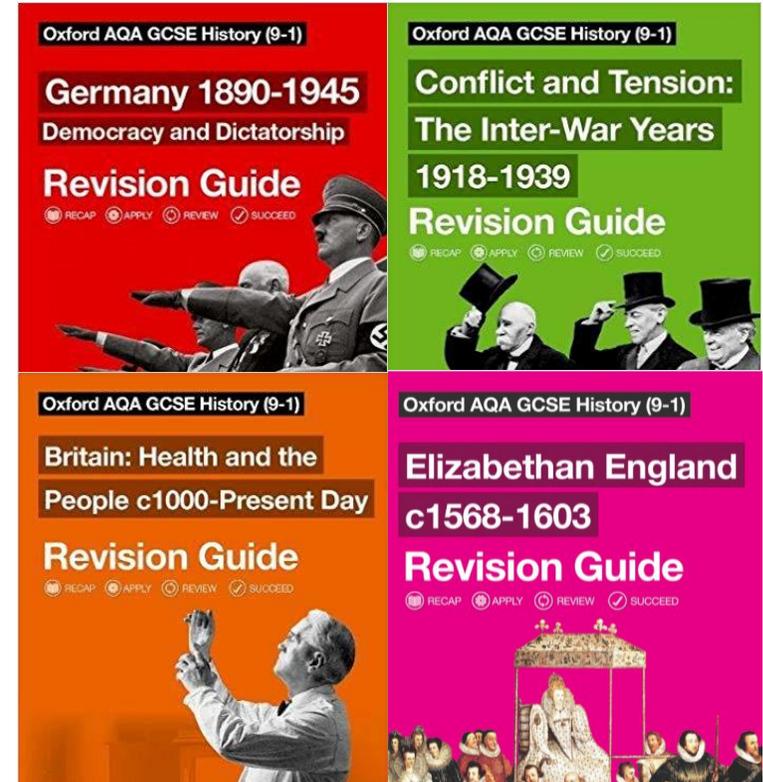
Please encourage your son/daughter to:

- Regularly use the knowledge tests, past papers and practice questions in the GCSE REVISION FOLDER to check their understanding of the key topics.
- Focus their revision on 'weaker' areas (these should be identified through regular self-testing).
- Ask for support from their teacher when they need it.



Further advice and support is available on the parents section of the school website

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Advice for Effective Revision