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Dear Parent/Carer

In order to support your son/daughter with their GCSE History studies I would like to make you aware of the support in place to help them achieve.

There are revision sessions on **Thursday 3.40pm – 4.40pm every week** and on **Saturdays from 10.00am – 12.00pm**. It is essential that students attend as many of these sessions as possible as there is a significant amount of recall required in each of the exams, as each exam is equally weighted, meaning that a strong performance is required in all three exams to achieve a high grade. Students that attend sessions regularly achieve higher results overall as they are more able to recall and apply the information required during the exam.

To assist with this, the school have purchased revision guides (which normally cost £5.99), but are available to you at a cost of £3.00. These can be paid for via ParentPay and give a good overview of the entire course, covering all of the exam units. If you require a barcoded letter please contact your child's College Admin Office. Once paid, if the student goes to the **Apollo Admin Office**, they will be given their revision guide.

I have also produced a set of revision flashcards for each of the exams. I cannot stress how much, with regular use these cards can assist students in achieving a greater level of recall. All of the students will be issued copies of the completed templates which can be cut and paste onto index cards. If you would like me to email you a set so that you can provide further support, I am happy to do so. Many parents provide extra support for their children by helping them revise using the cards.

Students have been issued with a copy of each exam question that has been set in every Edexcel GCSE History exam between 2009 and 2015. Students have been asked to look through them to identify questions which they would find the most challenging should something similar come up in the exam. They have been shown how to access mark schemes and the examiners reports on the Edexcel website, so that they can check their answers and knowledge against the examination criteria.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully



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