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Dear Parents/Carers

During the summer break Ofqual opened a consultation regarding changes to the 2021 GCSE exams. It was decided that GCSE History assessments would be reduced to support students. Edexcel have now confirmed that students will only be assessed on three of the four topic areas.

As a History department we have made the decision to follow option A from the Edexcel GCSE History 2021 and as a result students will not sit Paper 1 (Crime and Punishment c.1,000 - present). This topic was taught during the lockdown period. I would like to reassure parents that students' home learning and hard work was not wasted as this topic allowed students to revise the Anglo-Saxon and Norman England content from Paper 2 and also to gain valuable feedback on exam technique for 12 and 16 mark questions. This will support their studies going forward into Year 11.

Below is the new structure of the GCSE History exams and a link to a revised revision schedule to support students to spread their revision out throughout the academic year.

<b>Paper 1 - Crime and Punishment</b> <b>1 hr 15 mins</b>	<b>Paper 2 Booklet B</b> <b>55 mins</b>	<b>Paper 2 Booklet P</b> <b>55 mins</b>	<b>Paper 3</b> <b>1hr 20 mins</b>
Students will not be required to sit this paper.	Anglo-Saxon and Norman Englan	Superpower Relations and the Cold War	Weimar and Nazi Germany

[Year 11 History revision schedule](#)

Thank you for your support during this transition. If you have any question please contact [mcocker@rodingvalley.net](mailto:mcocker@rodingvalley.net)

Yours faithfully

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