Dear Parent/ Carer,

GCSE History Booster Classes

As you will be very much aware, the exam season is quickly approaching for our current Y11 cohort. Students have recently completed their ‘mock’ exams and their grades here are the clearest indicator we have regarding their expected outcome at the end of the current GCSE History course. The vast majority of students have also completed their Controlled Assessment (25% of final GCSE grade) and their grades here are very encouraging. The boys are to be congratulated on their hard work and efforts so far.

Throughout the remaining time in Year 11, the students should continue to strive to achieve the very highest grades possible in our subject. To help the boys in achieving this, we ask for your support in encouraging your son to attend the GCSE History booster sessions which we will be offering on a weekly basis. These booster sessions are primarily aimed at supporting students in moving from a predicted ‘B’ grade to an A/A* grade. However, all students are, of course, encouraged to attend. The sessions will be held every Tuesday between 3.15 and 4.00pm, commencing on Tuesday 3rd November. Sessions will be led, on a rota basis, by subject specialists and will cover both course content and skills, incorporating exam practice. A full schedule is available if requested.

We would also like to take the opportunity to remind parents/carers of the importance of consolidating class work with continued work and study at home. In June 2016, students will sit exams in 3 units (each worth 25% of the final GCSE grade):

- Unit 1: International Relations
- Unit 2: Germany 1919-1939
- Unit 3c: Britain 1931-51

Students should be revising for each unit on a regular basis. They should have a range of revision resources which they refer to on a weekly basis. They should also be regularly completing exam style questions and submitting these to their class teacher for assessment and feedback.
Where possible, students are encouraged to purchase revision guides to support their home study. Suggested guides include the following:

  ISBN-13 9781446905128


Some suggested websites which students may find useful for revision purposes are:

- [http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/history/mwh/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/history/mwh/)
- [http://www.mrallsophistory.com/revision/](http://www.mrallsophistory.com/revision/)
- [http://www.johndclare.net/](http://www.johndclare.net/)
- GCSE Pod (available through school website)

We look forward to working with your sons’ for the remainder of their GCSE History studies and, hopefully, when they continue their study of History/Politics during Sixth Form. Thank you in advance of your continued support and, should you have any questions or queries, please feel free to contact either your sons’ class teacher (Ms T. Manning tracy.manning@cgsb.co.uk and Mr K. Foley kieran.foley@cgsb.co.uk) or myself at the e-mail addresses given.

Yours sincerely

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