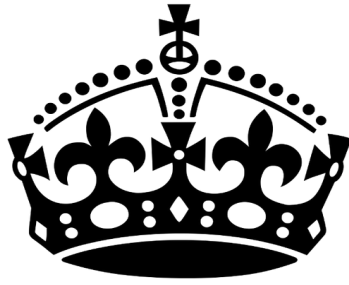


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STUDENTS WITH

THEIR REVISION!

How to Help History Newsletter

March 2023

Two years of KS4 have almost finished and the end of Year 11 is in sight! In History we are concentrating on helping students to complete their Elizabethan England topic, before moving onto in-class revision which will be targeted at the needs of each individual student by their class teacher and based upon their mock exam results. Included in this issue of *How to Help* is details about how you can best support your child to focus and achieve well in History.

Mock exams

Students are aware of the units they will be sitting, and they have recently completed a mock in all four units.

The mock results should be used to highlight and identify areas where students need to improve- this is likely to be focused on one of the following:

- Securing knowledge of the content
- Practising exam technique with sample questions

Both of these areas will be covered in revision in class as well as in after school revision sessions, but it would be worthwhile to speak to your child to ensure they know where to focus their attention in their independent revision.

The mock exams are a really important and useful tool to give an idea of how well students might perform in their exams, however if the result is not as your child might have hoped there is still time to focus on those areas for improvement. With some hard work from the students and help from the History Department, a good grade is well within reach!

Exam

History GCSE is comprised of two papers, one exam for each. The date for these exams is given below:

Paper 1- USA and Conflict & Tension **Thursday 18th May 2023** am
2 hours, one hour for each unit

Paper 2- Health and the People and Elizabethan England **Wednesday 7th June 2023** pm
2 hours, one hour for each unit

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Revision Sessions

Revision in History will be running every Thursday beginning this week (2nd March). Students who have been identified from their mock results as requiring additional support will be invited to sessions- an announcement will be sent via Class Charts. If invited, it is essential that your child attend, so that we can help to assist in their revision. If there is a conflict with another subject or activity please get in touch with your child's class teacher to make alternative arrangements. If your child is not invited to the sessions they are still very welcome to attend- we hope to see as many Year 11 Historians there as possible.

You have been given a timetable of the revision sessions that will be running and what the focus area will be. Students will be expected to complete an activity in advance of the session to prepare, this will then be used in the session to develop understanding and technique. It is vital that these preparatory activities are completed and we would welcome your support in monitoring these.

Preparation activities will consist of GCSE Pods to watch and make notes on. All of Year 11 have access to GCSE Pod, which is an invaluable tool in helping students to recap and revise the key content of each topic. All students have an account set up, and the Pods for each week will be issued in lesson and on ClassCharts.

The following websites are recommended for students to access:

[GCSE History - AQA - BBC Bitesize](http://historylearningsite.co.uk/)- Useful for content on *Elizabeth* and *Health*
historylearningsite.co.uk/
johndclare.net/
spartacus-educational.com/
schoolhistory.co.uk/
historyresourcecupboard.co.uk/content/
bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/medicine-through-time

The department has a number of revision guides which can be requested if internet access is proving to be problematic.

Finally, independent revision activities which prove particularly useful for History are:

- Timelines of key events and dates
- Profiles of key individuals
- Flashcards with notes and self-quiz questions
- Mind maps to show links and connections between topics
- Practise exam questions

If you have any questions or would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact me at school or alternatively drop me an email, my email address is N.Richardson@southmooracademy.com

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