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Dear Parent/Carer

## Re: History 'Deep Learning' Sessions and Study Aides

To ensure that all history students receive the opportunity to achieve their full potential the Sandhurst School History Department would like to make you aware of the following opportunities being given to all year 11 history students this academic year, as well as give you some information about the support you can give your son or daughter at home.

We plan to be running weekly 'deep learning' study sessions after school every Wednesday. These sessions will focus on consolidating the learning the students have been doing over the past year and reinforcing the learning they do in the classroom in the coming terms. The sessions will also focus on building the exam skills of students.

The full specification and course will still be covered in the normal curriculum timetable, and this session is designed to be an aid to give students more confidence and support in achieving at or above their target grades. We stress that the same behaviour and effort expectations are required as in regular timetabled lessons, and whilst we are sure that students will respond well to this expectation if a student is unable to they may have to leave the session.

The 'deep learning' sessions will take place in L5 and L6 every Wednesday and last approximately 50 minutes. They will start on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September**.

In addition to this support we'd also like to make you aware of the following support you can give to your child this year. Firstly, the best support you can give is to ensure that they are regularly completing History homework and completing revision activities in their own time. The most effective revision for any student is the revision they do for themselves and ensuring that they are doing this consistently this year will be a great help.

To further support students in their learning, the History Department has also set up a year 11 google classroom. This allows students to access online revision materials recommend by the department using any device with internet access. Students are aware of how they log in to a google classroom as we have made use of them in History before. The code they require for this year 11 History classroom is: **vqkaj9h**

In addition, there are some optional study aides that we would recommend below. Please be aware that these are not compulsory, but would be useful to any GCSE history student studying our specification.

The optional study aides we would recommend would be the following 4 revision and workbooks published by our exam board, Edexcel, on the four topics we are studying. They are as follows:

Revise Edexcel GCSE (9-1) History Anglo-Saxon and Norman England Revision Guide and Workbook

Publisher: Pearson

Author: Rob Bircher

**ISBN:** 9781292169743

Revise Edexcel GCSE (9-1) History Crime and Punishment in Britain Revision Guide and Workbook

Publisher: Pearson

Author: Kirsty Taylor

**ISBN:** 9781292169705

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Revise Edexcel GCSE (9-1) History Superpower relations and the Cold War Revision Guide and Workbook

Publisher: Pearson

Author: Brian Dowse

**ISBN:** 9781292169750

Revise Edexcel GCSE (9-1) History The USA Revision Guide and Workbook

Publisher: Pearson

Author: Victoria Payne

**ISBN:** 9781292169767

In addition to this, if you are looking for a historical site you could visit that would support your son / daughter's learning we would recommend the Jack the Ripper walking tour of the East End, which we have used in the past and found to be very interesting and of educational value.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am more than happy to discuss any questions you may have regarding the above support or recommended aides.

Yours sincerely,



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