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GCSE History e-bulletin: 3-year KS4 special

The OCR History team have been out and about visiting centres and talking to teachers.

A lot of our discussions focused on the new History GCSEs for first teaching in September 2016.

Our aim is to have accredited specimen assessment materials and OCR resources available a year in advance of first teaching.

Talking to teachers it became apparent that those of you offering a 3-year KS4 are holding option events with your year 8s in January and February 2015. In light of this, please find below the content options that we plan to offer across our two new GCSEs. **Please note** this information is **draft** until accreditation.

Please also find below a timeline of key dates and developments for the new GCSEs.

If you have any queries with any of the information, or you would like us to check your options booklet, please contact us at history@ocr.org.uk.

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GCSE History A: Explaining the Modern World (J410)

The number and exact titles of the below options are still subject to final confirmation.

Paper 1	International Relations 1918-2011 <u>+ one depth study →</u>	China 1950-1981: The People and the State <u>or</u> Germany 1925-1955: The People and the State <u>or</u> Poland 1956-1990: The People and the State <u>or</u> Russia 1928-1964: The People and the State <u>or</u> South Africa 1960-1994: The People and the State <u>or</u> The USA 1919-1945: The People and the State <u>or</u> The USA 1945-1974: The People and the State
Paper 2	Migration Through Time <u>or</u> Power: Monarchy and Democracy 1066-2007 <u>or</u> War and British Society c.790 to c.2010	
Paper 3	Empire and Migration c.1688-1730 <u>or</u> The Making of England <u>or</u> Personal Rule to Restoration 1629-1660 <u>+ →</u>	A study of the historic environment

1 'Migration Through Time' must be studied with 'Empire and Migration c.1688-1730'

2 'Power: Monarchy and Democracy 1066-2007' must be studied with 'The Making of England'

3 'War and British Society c.790 to c.2010' must be studied with 'Personal Rule to Restoration 1629-1660'.

Our 'Migration Through Time' and 'Empire and Migration c.1688-1730' options have been developed in partnership with the Black and Asian Studies Association.

GCSE History B: The Schools History Project

Paper 1	<p>The People's Health c.200 to present <u>or</u></p> <p>Crime and Punishment c.200 to present <u>or</u></p> <p>Migrants to Britain c.200 to present</p> <p><u>+ one British depth study →</u></p>	<p>The Norman Conquest 1065-1087 <u>or</u></p> <p>The Elizabethans 1580-1603 <u>or</u></p> <p>Britain in Peace and War 1900-1918</p>
Paper 2	A study of the historic environment	
Paper 3	<p>The Viking Age c.750-c.1050 <u>or</u></p> <p>The Mughal Empire 1526-1707 <u>or</u></p> <p>The Making of America 1789-1900</p> <p><u>+ one wider-world depth study →</u></p>	<p>The First Crusade c.1070-1100 <u>or</u></p> <p>The Aztec Empire and the Spanish Conquest 1500-1521 <u>or</u></p> <p>Living under Nazi Rule 1933-1945</p>

Your British and wider-world depth studies must be taken from different eras.

This specification has been developed in partnership with The Schools History Project. This will be the only official SHP specification.



Timeline for key dates and developments

Date	Development
w/c 5 January 2015	3-year KS4 e-bulletin special
w/c 23 February 2015	Resource release: Introductions to our new GCSEs
w/c 30 March 2015	OCR submits GCSEs to Ofqual for accreditation Accreditation decision made at any point in summer term 2015.
w/c 1 June 2015	Resource release: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> resources on the study of the historic environment resources on Public Health resources on International Relations
w/c 8 June 2015	OCR expos begin around the UK: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10-11 June – London 15 June – Manchester 18 June – Birmingham 22 June – Leeds 24 June – Newcastle 29 June – Leicester 3 July – Exeter <p>You can book onto these free events at www.cpdhub.ocr.org.uk.</p>

We will be updating our timeline in future issues of our e-bulletin.

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