

GCSE History bulletin, January 2018

All good wishes for the New Year from all of us at Eduqas history! We hope you had a great Christmas.

New Resources

A wide range of free digital resources are available on the [Eduqas resources website](#).

Items recently added include:

- Germany in Transition, 1919-1939
- The USA: A Nation of Contrasts, 1910-1929
- The Development of Germany, 1919-1991

Analysing Candidates' Results

WJEC Eduqas offers two services to help you understand your students' results and develop their exam skills: Exam Results Analysis and Online Exam Review.

Exam Results Analysis on the [secure website](#) allows you to compare your students' performance on each question last summer with that of the candidature overall, letting you see where they have done well and where there might be room for improvement.

[Online Exam Review](#) provides a number of marked exemplars of candidate responses to key questions in an interactive format. These allow students to mark others' work and discuss ways in which it may be improved, thus developing their own skills. Exemplars from the summer examinations will be uploaded to the OER site this term.

We decided not to include OERs for the last legacy assessment in 2017. However, following this summer's first examination of the reformed qualification, they will be provided for the first sitting of the Eduqas GCSE.

Principal Examiners' Reports

The principal examiners' reports for GCSE History providing feedback on the Summer 2017 series are available on the website subject pages. You are advised to read them carefully as they provide helpful observations and commentary on candidates' work this series.

Have You Considered Becoming an Examiner?

As the entry for Eduqas GCSE History is growing, we are keen to appoint new examiners. Examining is an excellent way of learning more about the requirements of the exam and thus supporting your students and developing your skills. It also provides a useful additional income. For further details, please see the [appointees section](#) of the website.

Key Dates For This Term

- 21 February** Summer 2018 Series: Last date for receipt of entries
18 March Summer 2018 Series: Last date for entry amendments without late fees
4 June AM Component 1 papers
8 June PM Component 2 papers

Details of all key dates for the academic year are on the relevant subject pages of the [Eduqas website](#).

Administration of the GCSE History examinations from Summer 2018 onwards

GCSE History is made up of two components. Each component has two separate papers which will be sat on the same day in the same examination period am/pm.

4th June 2018 (am)

- Component 1 British Study in Depth - 1 hour**
Component 1 Non-British Study in Depth - 1 hour

Both of the above papers will be sat in the same examination period. The British Study in Depth paper is to be given out to the candidates first. Once the 1 hour time period has elapsed for this paper, collect in the paper. Candidates must remain under examination conditions whilst the Non-

British Study in Depth paper is given out. Once the 1 hour time period has elapsed for this paper, collect in the paper. Keep both sets of papers separate as they will be sent to different examiners for marking. There should not be a period of more than 20 minutes between candidates finishing the first paper and starting the second paper.

8th June 2018 (pm)

GCSE History Component 2 – Period Study – 45 minutes
GCSE History Component 2 – Thematic Study – 1 hour 15 minutes

Both of the above papers will be sat in the same examination period. The Period Study paper is to be given out to the candidates first. Once the 45 minutes time period has elapsed for this paper, collect in the paper. Candidates must remain under examination conditions whilst the Thematic Study paper is given out. Once the 1hour 15 minutes time period has elapsed for this paper, collect in the paper. Keep both sets of papers separate as they will be sent to different examiners for marking. There should not be a period of more than 20 minutes between candidates finishing the first paper and starting the second paper.

Next Bulletin

The next issue will be sent out in September. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please get in touch.

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