

# **EDUQAS HISTORY**

# Autumn Newsletter 2016

#### **WELCOME**

We hope you will find this bulletin both useful and informative.

#### INTRODUCTION

This web-based bulletin is designed to keep teachers of the WJEC Eduqas history specification up to date with forthcoming developments.

Hopefully you will find this bulletin useful and please feel free to contact Dylan Jones, the Subject Officer for GCSE History or Greg Lewis, the Subject Support Officer, either by telephone or by e-mail. Contact details appear later.

#### **NEW GCSE SPECIFICATION**

Details of the accredited specification and its sample assessment materials can be found on the Eduqas website.

http://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/history

Also available on the website are:

- <u>digital resources</u> for a range of WJEC Eduqas options
- a comprehensive teacher guide to each unit

Hodder Education has also published or is about to publish textbooks for options 1B Elizabethan Age, 1558-1603, 1G Germany in Transition, 1919-1939, 2A The Development of the USA, 1929-2000 and 2F Changes in Health and Medicine in Britain, c.500 to the present day.

**View books** 

Additional digital resources are being developed by WJEC Eduqas for the new specification which centres will start delivering in September 2016. These will be made available on the Eduqas website.

#### LEGACY GCSE

- The final award for the legacy GCSE History specification in England will be August 2017. Examination results for the 2016 series were issued on August 25th 2016.
- A shortened <u>examiners' report</u> on the legacy GCSE specification was made available on the WJEC website on the same day.
- Individual reports for Unit 4 for each centre have been available on the <u>WJEC secure</u> website since August 25th.
- The full examiners' report for all legacy units is available on the GCSE part of the website <a href="http://www.wjec.co.uk/qualifications/qualifications-qualification-resources.html?subject=History&level=GCSE">http://www.wjec.co.uk/qualifications/qualification-resources.html?subject=History&level=GCSE</a> m

#### **ASSESSMENT IN 2017**

The style of assessment remains exactly the same as for 2016. 2018 will be the first year of award for the new specification.

#### **KEY DATES FOR GCSE 2017**

**The calendar for examinations for 2017** has been arranged and published by the Joint Council for Examinations. It is available on the WJEC website in the Exam Officers section. The key dates are:

Unit 4 samples to moderator Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017

Examination of Unit 1 Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017 (AM) Examination of Unit 2 Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017 (PM) Examination of Unit 3 Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2017 (AM)

### **OER**

On-line examination review will continue to be provided this year. GCSE History feedback from 2016 will focus on one script from all three units. The scripts will be from option 4271/04, Germany in Transition, 1919-1947 in Unit 1, 4272/02, Depression War and Recovery, 1930-1951 in Unit 2 and 4373/03 Development of the USA, 1930-2000 in Unit 3. This material will be available for centres by October 2016. This resource can be found by following this link: <a href="http://oer.wjec.co.uk/">http://oer.wjec.co.uk/</a>

#### GCSE CPD

Several dates have been arranged for teachers in England to attend CPD meetings for the WJEC Eduqas specification. The dates arranged are:

Tuesday 29th November 2016 London

Wednesday 30th November 2016 Bristol

Tuesday 6th December 2016 Manchester

Wednesday 7th December 2016 Birmingham

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#### **EXAMINER VACANCIES**

There are usually vacancies for examining and moderating in History at all levels. If you are interested in examining for WJEC, you must apply through the new appointees system available here: <a href="http://www.wjec.co.uk/appointees/">http://www.wjec.co.uk/appointees/</a>

## **CONTACT US**

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Feedback and contact is always welcome! Good luck and best wishes.