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Dear Parent/Carer

## **Re: GCSE History Examination**

I am writing to you with reference to your son/daughter achieving their optimum grade in their history GCSE exam this June.

Homework and revision obviously form a crucial part of that pathway to success. It was clear that the students who started revision and practice exam questions months before the mock exam performed much better than those who did not. Those students were also less stressed and then proud of their efforts in the weeks before and after the exams.

It is with this in mind that I will be implementing a zero tolerance approach to the late or non-completion of homework from now until the exams, as we wish to ensure that all students are working hard at home in the coming months in order to gain their optimum grade.

Consequently, if any Year 11 student fails to hand in their history homework on the required day, they will be issued with a one-hour after school detention where they will have the opportunity to revise, ask questions regarding the different examination topics and practise questions. This has the support of the Head of History, Mr Wilson, and the Principal, Mr Southall.

We very much hope that this change will not affect your child, as obviously they should be handing in homework on time.

If there is a valid reason why history homework has not been completed, we will be happy to be flexible, as long as there is a written note or email from yourself to your child's history teacher explaining the reason.

Once again, I stress that this is being undertaken to encourage students to work as hard as possible. Part of that encouragement is also praise from members of staff, as well as meaningful feedback on the homework, which we will endeavour to do.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for further clarification should you wish to do so.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Carr  
Teacher of History

