



Church of England School
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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 10 History Controlled Assessment

As you will be aware your son/daughter is currently working on their History Controlled Assessment module. The Controlled Assessment is made up of three separate questions and your son/daughter is currently working on the first of these. The Controlled Assessment Unit makes up 25% of the total History GCSE, with the other 75% coming from the three modules which are examined at the end of Year 11 – Medicine, Surgery and Germany.

There will be no opportunity to re-sit any of the three Controlled Assessment questions or any of the summer exams. All three Controlled Assessment questions must be sent off to the exam board so there is no opportunity for students to discard their lowest piece of work.

All three of the Controlled Assessment questions will be on the Vietnam War, although the different questions will cover different aspects of the conflict. There are strict exam board rules regarding the help we can offer students but we are now in a position where students can be made aware of their question for the first piece. The students will need to answer the following question and have 60 minutes in which to write their answer:

'How significant was Guerrilla Warfare as a reason for the USA's lack of success in the Vietnam War?'

This question will involve the students looking at how Guerrilla Warfare contributed to the USA's defeat and then comparing this to other factors that we have looked at in class, such as the failure of US tactics and the poor morale of US soldiers, before reaching a judgement on how significant the use of Guerrilla Warfare was.

The students are able to take a one page plan and two sides of notes into their actual write up. These notes and plan must be made at school under teacher supervision and lesson time will be allocated for this. We are therefore encouraging students to carry out as much research as possible at home into the different reasons why America lost the Vietnam War. This research can then be brought into school and used to help the students make their plan and notes.



Once the plan and notes are made the students are able to take a photocopy home with them. This will allow them to practice writing their answer with their plan and notes in timed conditions before the actual write up in class. Students will receive their original plan and notes from their teacher on the day of the write up. In order to assist students as much as possible, the department will be running after school sessions where students can add to their plan and notes. These will take place in the weeks beginning 6th June and 13th June.

Each of the three History classes will write their assessment during their lesson on **Tuesday 21st June.**

If you have any questions at all about the Controlled Assessment Unit or the History GCSE in general please do not hesitate to contact me on the following address - ajeffries2.312@lqfilmail.org.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Jeffries', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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