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Dear Head of History

**Important update on OCR GCSE History C - British Social and Economic History (1936)**

As you currently deliver the OCR GCSE History C specification I would like to make you aware of an important update.

After careful consideration and consultation with centres and historical associations we have made the decision to withdraw the current OCR GCSE History C specification following the June 2010 examinations. We have taken these steps to ensure that the content remains fresh, up to date, and engaging for students. We have therefore reviewed the whole specification, updating and transferring the more popular content to our other History specifications, for first teaching from September 2009.

These changes will broaden your teaching options, giving you a greater choice in what you teach to your History classes.

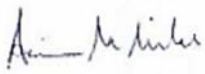
In order to make these changes as easy for you as we can, we have mapped the content of the History C specification to our reinvigorated and updated History A and History B specifications. This should help you to choose the specification which is most suited to your students' needs.

The last examination session for History C will be in June 2010. This will not affect the two-year GCSE course which you will start teaching from September 2008 for examination in June 2010. If you teach the course in one year, you will still be able to start teaching in September 2009 for examination in June 2010. It's important to note that it will not be possible to carry forward coursework marks for the History C specification beyond June 2010, nor will candidates be able to resit any component in June 2011.

Our new draft specifications for History A and History B are now available on our website [www.ocr.org.uk/history](http://www.ocr.org.uk/history). If you have any further questions about your options having looked at the new History A and History B specifications, please call OCR on 01223 553998.

Thank you for choosing to teach the OCR History C specification. I am confident that by transferring the more popular content to our History A and History B specifications, you will find this significantly improves the experience of OCR History for both teachers and candidates.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alison Miles', written in a cursive style.

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**GCSE Full Course History C (British Social and Economic) (1936) – Coverage of topics in the new GCSE Full course specifications**

Topic currently found in History C	Available in new History A	Available in new History B
Core – Agriculture, industry and transport 1700-1900	Industrialisation and railways covered in Unit A951 <i>Study in Depth</i> – option 12	No
Theme – Medicine , surgery and health 1750 - 1990	Substantial coverage within: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unit A951 – <i>Study in Development</i>; Medicine through Time</li> <li>• Unit A952 – <i>Historical Source Investigation</i>; Developments in British Medicine</li> </ul>	No
Theme – Poverty 1815 - 1990	Some coverage within Unit A951 <i>Study in Depth</i> ; option 12	Some coverage within Unit A972 <i>British Depth Study</i>
Theme – Trade unions and working class movements 1800 - 1990	Some coverage within Unit A951 <i>Study in Depth</i> ; option 12	No
Theme – Changing roles and status of women 1840 - 1990	Aspects of suffragette movement covered in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unit A951 – <i>Study in Development</i>; Crime and Punishment Through time</li> <li>• Unit A952 – <i>Historical Source Investigation</i>; Crime and Punishment Through Time</li> </ul>	Suffragette movement covered in Unit A972 <i>British Depth Study</i>
Theme – Education 1800 - 1990	No	Some coverage within Unit A972 <i>British Depth Study</i>
Theme – Evolution of multi-ethnic society 1840 - 1990	No	Some coverage within Unit A972 <i>British Depth Study</i> . American multi-ethnic issues are covered in Unit A971 <i>Study in Depth</i> ; The USA 1945-1975: Land of Freedom?
Theme – Study of locality development during industrial revolution	Possible to cover some aspects within Unit A953 <i>History around us and Modern World History Controlled Assessment</i>	No