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To: The Principals of Post-primary Schools and Directors of Further and Higher Education

For circulation to: Head of History Department

Revised GCSE History First Teaching 2017 GCSE Unit 1 and Unit 2

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that the Revised GCSE History papers will have additional lines added to the answer booklet. The purpose of this action is twofold:

- To respond to the demand in some schools for additional writing space, currently provided by supplementary answer booklets
- To mitigate the risk of pages being lost/not seen if additional booklets are used

I would like to stress that the purpose of additional lines is **not** to add to the demand of the paper. It also is **not** intended to encourage candidates to write longer, more detailed responses. The format of the examination booklet will remain the same for both Units. The guidance on the front of the examination booklet will advise candidates of the following:

- You must answer the questions in the spaces provided.
- Do not write outside the boxed area on each page or on blank pages.
- Additional lines have been added to the paper.....
- Do not write with a gel pen.

You can view the layout of the papers on the GCSE History microsite:

http://www.rewardinglearning.org.uk/microsites/history/revised_gcse/index.asp

If you wish to seek further clarification on the content of this circular, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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