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Dear Parent or Carer,

Re: Change to History KS4 Curriculum starting next academic year (current Year 9 into Year 10 for September)

You are receiving this letter because your child has opted for History GCSE, which at FCC has traditionally been divided into two pathways. From September, for our new group of Year 10 students, we are making a change to the way we organise GCSE History at FCC. To aid curriculum delivery and to further improve the progress our students make in History, we will be delivering a single History pathway to all GCSE students who start Year 10 in September.

For your child, there will be very little change in terms of their experience of GCSE History. They will continue to study and develop skills and knowledge in a range of areas which are common to all History GCSE pathways, including:

- Change and continuity throughout history.
- Using sources and interpretations to learn about history and key historical debates.
- Building confidence in forming judgements on history.
- Understanding how history has shaped the world we live in today.

The new course is aimed at enhancing student enjoyment and engagement in the subject, as well as delivering topics that will diversify and broaden our understanding of the modern world.

This change will also mean that our History GCSE students who go on to study History A Level will have more consistency in terms of their preparation for study in Key Stage 5, should they wish to take the study of history further.

If you have any concerns or questions about this change, please email BEGuy@fcc.cambrianlt.org

Kind regards

Bethan Guy

Head of History (from September 2025)



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