Changes in the regulations governing the Honour School of History: communication from the Board of the Faculty of History

Subject to approval on behalf of the divisional board, which is now sought, the following changes in regulations have been made:

 Humanities Divisional Board

Honour School of History

Brief note about nature of the change: Changes to the regulations governing the Further Subject.

With effect from October 2014 (for first examination in 2015)

In *Examination Regulations*, 2012, p. 262, add after l. 41:

‘Further Subjects “Representing the City 1558-1640” and “Post-Colonial Historiography: writing the Indian nation”

Candidates taking the Further Subject paper(s) listed above will be examined by means of an essay, which shall be between 5,000 and 6,000 words (including footnotes but excluding bibliography), and shall be on an interdisciplinary topic relevant to the Further Subject concerned. Candidates must submit their proposed essay title to the Chair of Examiners for History, care of the History Faculty Office, not later than Friday of the eighth week of Hilary Term in the first year of study for the Honour School. Approval of the title may be assumed unless the Chair of Examiners contacts a candidate’s tutor by Monday of the second week of the Trinity Term.

The candidate must deliver two copies of the essay by hand to the Examination Schools (addressed to the Chair of Examiners, Honour School of History, Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford) not later than 12 noon on the Thursday of the eighth week of Trinity Term in the first year of study for the Honour school. A certificate, signed by the candidate to the effect that each essay is the candidate’s own work, and that the candidate has read the Faculty’s guidelines on plagiarism, must be presented together with the submission. Candidates delivering essays will be required to complete a receipt form, which will only be accepted as proof of receipt if it is counter-signed by a member of the Examination Schools staff. The University’s regulations on *Late Submission of Work* will apply.’

Explanatory note
It is proposed that the History Faculty allow students in the main school to take the bridge papers available to History and English students as Further Subject options (first examination 2015).

The Bridge Paper, compulsory for History and English students, offers an opportunity to extend the number of Further Subjects available in the Main School. This change thus combines diversification of student choice, the introduction of more interdisciplinarity into the main school, effective use of teaching resource, and diversification of modes of assessment in the FHS.