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Humanities Divisional Board

Title of Programme / Examination

Honour School of History

Brief note about nature of change: Change to assessment of History of the British Isles in the Honour School of History. Note that this change will also apply to joint honour schools whose regulations refer to those for the Honour School of History, although no corresponding changes to regulations are required.

Effective date

For students starting the FHS from MT 2017

For first examination from 2018-19

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* on-line, 2015-16, Honour School of History: http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2015-16/hschoofhist/administratorview/

Detail of change

1.25 The History of the British Isles is taken to include the history of the Irish Republic in the twentieth century, and of British India and British Colonies and Dependencies as far as they are connected with the History of Britain. Candidates will be examined by means of three essays of no more than 2,000 words each, under titles from a question paper published by the examiners on the Wednesday of eighth week of the Trinity Term in the year preceding the examination. The essays must be submitted by noon on Friday of ninth week of that term. Detailed procedures governing this process will be published by the Board.

Explanatory Notes

As part of Curriculum Reform in History (approved by Education Committee in Trinity term 2016), the History of the British Isles (HBI) in Finals will be assessed by a take-away examination in Week 9 of Trinity Term of the second year.

Whilst the majority of the changes to regulations arising from History Curriculum Reform will

be introduced in subsequent academic years, given student enthusiasm for this particular change to the assessment arrangements for History of the British Isles, it has been agreed that this should be introduced more quickly, for students starting their FHS in MT17.