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**A LEVEL
HISTORY
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MATERIAL**

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We are delighted you have chosen to study History A-level and look forward to seeing your enthusiasm and passion in September.

This work is optional, but it enables you to familiarise yourself with the periods of study for the AQA specification A-Level 7042, units 1F and 2N:

1F Industrialisation and the People: Britain c1783-1885

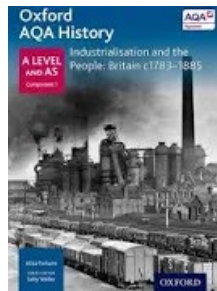
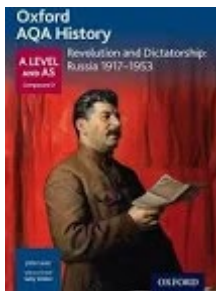
2N Revolution and Dictatorship: Russia 1917-1953

Textbooks:

We provide course textbooks but you may want your own copies to make written notes in:

British History - 'AQA Industrialisation and the People: Britain c1783-1885' by Sally Waller (Oxford University Press ISBN: 978-0-19-835453-6)

Russian History - 'AQA Revolution and Dictatorship: Russia 1917-1953' by Sally Waller (Oxford University Press ISBN: 978-0-19-835458-1)



Research:

Our first topics of the year are as follows if you want to make a head start on some valuable background knowledge.

Task: Create either a mind map/organised notes/timeline/factfile/chart on the below:

British History - Prime Minister, William Pitt the Younger, his relationship with the King (the 1784 election) and his main achievements and failures in the years 1783-1801.

Russian History - Russia in 1917 - the background of events leading to the Tsar abdicating following the February 1917 revolution. Key personalities of Tsar Nicholas II and Tsarina Alexandra Rasputin

Wider reading:

This is always a bonus for a greater insight into topics if you can get hold of these:

British History - William Pitt the Younger by Eric Evans (Lancaster pamphlets) is an easy read and great start!

Russian History - 'A People's Tragedy' by Orlando Figes has individual stories from those involved in the Russian Revolution. Choose one that grabs you!

Online:

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The following programmes, podcasts and online articles are an additional way to learn:

British History - BBC Radio 4 podcast, 'William Pitt the Younger' by Nick Robinson
Article on GovUK website, 'William Pitt the Younger (Whig/Tory 1783-1801, 1804-1806)' by Professor Arthur Burns

Russian History - BBC World Service Witness History podcast, 'The First Russian Revolution of 1917'

'Last of the Czars' 1996 Prog 1-3 on YouTube

