



## Pre-entry Preparation, Requirements and Recommendations

Welcome to A-Level History at Comberton Sixth Form.

### Preparation

Please also ensure that you have the following equipment with you for the first lesson:

- Pens, pencils, highlighters (several different colours)
- Glue, scissors, ruler

We would also request that you prepare a timeline to support your understanding of the content for both units you will study in Year 12. Please see below for requirements.

**Timeline 1: Britain 1930-1997** Please include in the timeline each prime minister and their political party. You must also include key social, political and economic changes that took place during this time e.g. The Falklands War, WW2 etc.

**Timeline 2: Russia 1894-1941** Please include in your timeline a summary of the key social and political events that took place during the rule of: Tsar Nicholas II; the Provisional Government; Lenin; Stalin. Make it clear when each of these four rulers/governments are in charge.

In our experience, students prefer to purchase a copy of the OCR unit textbooks so that they are able to label and highlight key information and sources. If possible, we strongly advise this to support their studies throughout the year. Students will have access to a copy of a textbook within lessons if this is not possible and we keep copies in the library, for reference only.

### **Unit 1: Britain 1930-1997**

**Textbook:** Mike Wells and Nicholas Fellows, *Britain 1930-1997, OCR A-Level*, (ISBN 978-1 47188-3729-6)

Recommended Reading:

- Andrew Marr, *A History of Modern Britain* (ISBN-13: 978-0330511476)
- Peter Clarke, *Hope and Glory: Britain 1900-1990* (ISBN-13: 978-0141011752)

### **Unit 2: Russia 1894-1997**

**Textbook:** Andrew Holland, *Russia 1894-1941, OCR A-Level* (ISBN 9781510415904)

Recommended Reading:

- Orlando Figes, *Revolutionary Russia 1891-1991*, (ISBN: 978-0-141-04367-8)
- Robert Service, *The Penguin Modern History of Russia: From Tsarism to the Twenty-first Century* (ISBN: 978-0141037974)
- S.A. Smith, *The Russian Revolution: A Very Short Introduction* (ISBN: 0-19-285395-3)

We look forward to meeting you in September!