

Welcome to A Level History at Bilborough Sixth Form College!

Firstly, congratulations on completing your GCSE's and well done for choosing History! An excellent choice!

History is a challenging A-Level which involves lots of content and so you will need to take some time to read and prepare.

In this pack you will find materials to prepare you for studying the Tudor section of your course. Consider this your summer work to get you ready and up to scratch!

A-Levels are tricky qualifications to achieve, and you need to ensure that you are fully prepared for them. The more preparation you do now, the easier you will find it when you start your course.

Key things to do before starting the course:

- ✓ Get yourself a folder and dividers – there is a lot to learn so it is best to be organised from the very start.
- ✓ Ensure that you know what exam board you are studying. You are going to be studying the Tudors from the exam board AQA
- ✓ Read this booklet carefully and work through the activities as instructed by your teacher. This will give you the foundation knowledge needed to start your course.

In this step-up pack you will find:

1. **Reading/watching/listening/visiting list** - These are some key things that you should look at in order to prepare for your Tudor module.
2. **Independent Research** - A-Levels are independent course and you will be expected to study independently as well as undertake your lessons. These tasks will give you a starting point in how to research independently.

1. Reading/watching/listening/Visiting:

Reading: Non-Fiction

- The Tudors by John Guy
- The Tudors by Richard Rex
- The private lives of the Tudors by Tracy Borman
- The Cold War John Lewis Gaddis
- The Cold War: A new oral history by Bridget Kendall

Reading: Fiction

- Elizabeth of York: The last White Rose by Alison Weir
- The King's Pleasure: A novel of Henry VIII by Alison Weir
- (Alison Weir and Phillipa Gregory have written lots of fiction about the Tudors)
- Oranges for Christmas by Margarita Morris
- Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy by John le Carre
- The Spy who came in from the cold by John le Carre

Watching:

- Wolf Hall series 1 and 2 – BBC iPlayer
- The Tudors (series on Netflix)
- Bridge of Spies (Cold War)
- Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy
- There are lots of documentaries out there for both the Tudors and the Cold War topics

Listening:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00d6zwt> - Henry VII

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00546xd> - In our time, The Tudor state

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00546sp> - In our time, The Wars of the Roses

<https://www.audible.co.uk/podcast/Henry-VIII/B09ZT9DVHQ> - Henry VIII

<https://www.noiser.com/short-history-of/the-tudors-part-1-of-2> - Short history of the Tudors

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b0076fdw> - Great Lives - Elizabeth I

Visiting:

- Bosworth Battlefield, Nuneaton
- Richard III visitor centre, Leicester
- Sheffield Manor Lodge, Sheffield
- Hardwick Hall, Derbyshire
- RAF museum Cosford, Shropshire – Cold War hanger
- Imperial War Museum (Manchester, Duxford, London, Belfast(!))

Research activity 1: Research the following monarchs. What years did they reign from and till? What important changes did they bring? How has history remembered them? Anything interesting about them???

Richard III 	
Henry VII 	
Henry VIII 	
Edward VI 	
Mary I 	
Elizabeth I 	

Research Activity 2: Research the Wars of the Roses and create a detailed Fact File.

Causes of the War	
The key players involved (give some detailed background about them)	
The key battles of the Wars and the outcomes	
How the wars came to an end in 1485 (the Battle of Bosworth)? What happened during this battle?	
How did the wars lead to the beginning of the Tudor Dynasty?	