

Year 11 into Year 12: A LEVEL HISTORY TRANSITION WORK



A Level History is about fostering the development of critical and reflective thinking with an understanding of historical topics and issues; and to encourage an awareness of the importance of historical awareness in explaining contemporary issues. In addition to studying 'Britain 1930-1997', 'Democracy and Dictatorships in Germany 1919-1963' and 'Popular Culture and the Witch-craze of the 16th and 17th Centuries', you will also produce a 4000 word coursework essay on a topic of your choice where there are differing interpretations and you can use primary sources to support or challenge these interpretations.

To get you to develop your critical thinking, and help you bridge the gap from GCSE to A Level, you will do the following transition task under the title '**WHY HISTORY IS IMPORTANT**'.

- Choose a recent event, or situation in the world today, and write 2-3 pages explaining why historical knowledge and research is important to understand that event or situation.
- Provide an outline of the event or situation but do not write a narrative account.
- In your explanation, identify different interpretations that historians may have when explaining the causes of an event or situation. Assess the reasons *why* historians may have different interpretations.
- List any books or websites you used when doing the transition task.

Your work must be handed in during the lesson with Mr. Avis on **Tuesday 9th September**.