

## A level History Preparation Tasks

In order to give yourself the best chance to hit the ground running with your new course, we recommend that you conduct these preparation tasks. A level History is split into two parts – Russian and British history, so there are tasks below for both.



### British History

#### 1. Key words – find definitions for these key terms

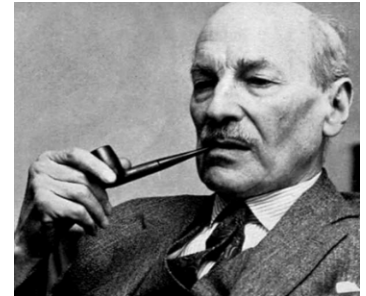
Prime Minister, economy, social policy, foreign policy, post war consensus, Butskellism, consumerism, affluence, inflation, balance of payments, stop-go economics, sterling, run on the pound

#### 2. Timeline – your British course runs from 1951 – 2007.

Create a timeline showing each Prime Minister elected, their dates in power, the party they led, and 5 important events that happened during their time as Prime Minister

#### 3. Research tasks and wider reading

1. Research World War Two – how did it end? What had happened to Europe? What was the Cold War that followed? What role did Britain play in world affairs? How did Western Europe begin to unite? Why was Britain not involved?
2. In Britain, the Labour party under the leadership of Clement Attlee was elected. When? Why? What big changes did they make to the country? How do we still see many of those changes today? Why were they voted out?
3. Use the following websites to focus on key events of our first unit 1951-1964, make a summary set of notes for each link.



<http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/modern/>

<https://www.iwm.org.uk/history/how-winston-churchill-and-the-conservative-party-lost-the-1945-election>



<https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2016/nov/16/harold-macmillan-never-had-it-so-good>



<https://www.history.com/topics/cold-war/suez-crisis>

<https://www.historyextra.com/period/20th-century/real-history-profumo-affair-christine-keeler-who-what-happened/>

## Russian History

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| <b>1. Key words – create definitions for these key terms</b>  | <b>2. Timeline – your Russian course runs from 1855-1964</b>  |
| Tsar, Autocracy, Democracy, Serf, Reform, Duma, Dual Power, Provisional Government, Soviet and USSR   | Create a timeline showing reign of the following leaders: Alexander II, Alexander III, Nicholas II, Lenin, Stalin and Khrushchev. You should include their dates in power and five things they achieved/important events from their time as leader of Russia.   |
| <b>3. Research tasks and wider reading</b>  |   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Research the Crimean War – who was involved? Why did this start? What were the results? How did impact Russia?</li><li>✓ When Alexander II came into power in 1855, what was Russia like? What was the role of the Tsar? What was the role of the nobles? What was the role of the serfs? What changes did he make to Russia?</li><li>✓ Use the following websites to focus on the key events of our first unit on Alexander II. Complete a set of summary notes on the following websites:</li></ul> |   |
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