

Year 12 Bridging Unit 2023

History A/AS Level

Dear Year 12 students

We are delighted that you have opted for History A/AS level at Newstead Wood School. In preparation for the start of the course in September, we would like you to complete the following tasks to help you prepare for the start of your two modules.

1D – Stuart Britain and the Crisis of Monarchy 1603-1702

1. You should purchase the CT for the start of term [Crisis of Stuart Britain](#) Read the [scanned textbook pages](#) , make a note of the key words and their definitions in the boxes, and answer the questions in the 'Q' boxes on pgs. 12, 13 and 14.
2. Listen to the podcasts about [Calvinism](#) and the [Divine Right of Kings](#). Use these and the information from the scanned pages to answer the following questions in note form:
 - a. Why was this a period of religious conflict?
 - b. How did religious issues create political conflict in Britain?

You should make sure that you are supporting the points that you are making with specific evidence.

3. Read a copy of *Stuart Britain: A Very Short Introduction* - This is a very good, brief overview of the Stuart that I highly recommend! It is only a short read and there are normally copies in bookshops or you can buy a used copy online.

2P- The Transformation of China 1936-1997

1. You should purchase the CT for the start of the term [The Transformation of China 1936-1997](#)
2. Please read [China](#)
3. Prepare half a page of notes on Confucianism.
4. Read a copy of Jung Chang's *Wild Swans: Three Daughters of China*. It was a bestseller in the 1990s so your parents or their friends may well have a copy at home. Otherwise, there are normally copies in charity shops or you can buy a used copy online.
5. [Go through this PowerPoint](#)
6. Listen to this podcast [The Rest is History - China](#) , I recommend this podcast a lot!