Southam College History Department
Year 12 summer work

You need to complete ALL tasks for BOTH components. If you have any questions, please contact the History department BEFORE the summer holidays.

Component One: The Tudors: England 1485 – 1603

These activities will help prepare you for the Tudors unit by gaining an overview of the Tudor dynasty and the context in which they came to power.

- **Create a fact-file for each of the Tudor monarchs.** You need to include key dates / family connections / events and changes during their reign. What were the main issues they faced while on the throne? You can decide the format your fact-files take, but as a guide they should be approximately half an A4 page each.

- **Who were 'the Tudors' and how did they come to power?** Write a response to this two part question, based on the research you complete. You could use the following to support your research:
  - BBC Radio 4 - You're Dead to Me, The Rise of the Tudors (podcast, available free online)
  - Henry VII - Not Just the Tudors | Podfollow (podcast, available free online)

  Your work for this can take a variety of forms (e.g. essay / report / project) but should be at least 2 sides of A4. You should consider both the family background to the Tudor dynasty, the context in which they became rulers, and the events that led Henry VII to become the first Tudor monarch.

- **What legacy did the Tudors leave?** Write a response to this question (max one side of A4). Consider – what changed in the Tudor period? What impact did the Tudor period have on the history of Britain? Why are the Tudors considered such a key element of British history? The following could help with your research:
  - How the Tudor dynasty shaped modern Britain - BBC Teach
  - Elizabeth I: Last Days and Legacy - Not Just the Tudors | Podfollow (podcast, available free online)

Component two: Revolution and dictatorship: Russia and the Soviet Union, 1917 - 1953

This course covers Russian History from 1917-1953 – from the Russian revolutions of 1917 to the death of Stalin after WW2.

- Research the Russian Revolutions of 1917.
- Produce an A3 mind map of the Causes of the February Revolution 1917.
- Research and produce fact-files on Lenin and Stalin
- Write an essay of 1000 words *'To what extent was the February revolution primarily a consequence of the Russian failures in the First World War?'*

Your completed work for each component is due in on the FIRST History lesson in September. You need to be prepared to discuss your ideas, as well.

Please note – you could have History on your first day, so make sure you are well prepared! Your work needs to be handed in on paper, not emailed.