

# The Sixth Form at George Abbot

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Subject: History

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## Pre Sixth Form Tasks

Task	Detail	Demonstrated		
		Yes	Partially	No
Organisation	<p>The A Level History course is broken down into three units:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paper 1: Germany – the Quest for Political Stability</li> <li>• Paper 2: The English Revolution</li> <li>• NEA (coursework on a historical topic of your choice)</li> </ul> <p>Each of your timetabled lessons will be dedicated to one of these units.</p> <p><b>Make sure you have a folder set up, with dividers, ready to add resources to it, for each unit.</b></p>			
Compulsory reading tasks	<p><b>For Unit 1: Germany</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Buy a copy of <i>Blood and Iron</i> by Katja Hoyer. (£10 new, less second-hand, from <a href="#">Amazon</a>)</li> <li>2. Read the introduction and make notes on the key points you've learned. In particular, focus on the key features of Germany in 1871.</li> </ol> <p><b>For Unit 2: English Revolution</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Buy a copy of <i>The English Civil Wars</i> by Blair Worden. (£5 new from <a href="#">Amazon</a>)</li> <li>2. Read the first chapter and make notes on the key points you've learned. In particular, focus on the key problems Charles I faced during his reign.</li> </ol>			
Further study (2 tasks)	<p><b>For Unit 1: Germany</b></p> <p>Go back in time from your knowledge about Germany to find out about the Iron Chancellor, Otto von Bismarck. Listen to the BBC In Our Time episode about him here: <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00775pm">https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00775pm</a></p> <p>You'll need to summarise what you've learned about him from the programme in 5 bullet points, and also record 2 questions you now have about Germany in the late 19th century (the course starts in 1870, so a good 63 years before Hitler came to power). Make sure you bring this short piece of work (bullet points and questions) to your first lesson on Germany (you may be taught by Mr Synge or Mr Harding).</p> <p><b>For Unit 2: English Revolution</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Learn about the 1559 Elizabethan religious settlement. This sets the scene for the religious issues during the reigns of the early Stuarts, so a background understanding is crucial. Use this website: <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zg68tyc/revision/1">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zg68tyc/revision/1</a> and make yourself a mindmap with these sections: Catholics, Protestants, Puritans, and features of the settlement (four sections in total).</li> </ol>			

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		Yes	Partially	No
	<p>2. Learn about key features of James VI and I (same person – he was James VI of Scotland <i>and</i> James I of England!) with this podcast:  <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p097xdz0">https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p097xdz0</a>. Sum up what you think were the 5 main features of his reign.            Make sure you bring these short pieces of work to your first lesson on the English Revolution (you may be taught by Mrs O'Connor or Ms Daniels).</p>			
<b>Additional task(s)</b>	<p>Your teacher will advise you in your first Germany lesson about which textbook to purchase to help your studies.</p> <p>For the English Revolution, please purchase the main textbook and bring it with you to every lesson:</p> <p>Oxford AQA History: The English Revolution by Judith Daniels (ISBN 9780198354727). Available from Hive and other bookshops: <a href="https://www.hive.co.uk/Product/J-Daniels/Oxford-AQA-History-for-A-Level-The-English-Revolution-1625-1660/16496814">https://www.hive.co.uk/Product/J-Daniels/Oxford-AQA-History-for-A-Level-The-English-Revolution-1625-1660/16496814</a></p>			

**Suggested Reading List and Subject Resources**

GERMANY:

William Carr, *A History of Germany 1815-1990*

ENGLISH REVOLUTION:

Blair Worden, *The English Civil Wars*

<b>All tasks completed</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Subject Teacher Signature</b>		