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Welcome new Bolingbroke A-Level History students.

As we prepare to begin our Key Stage 5 studies in we would like to take the opportunity to share how you can prepare for beginning in September in order to hit the ground running. The first thing of which you should be aware is the 'Bridging Project' to be completed over the summer. This is an opportunity to explore some of the themes we will be covering throughout the course and will be assessed upon our return at the start of next term. This is important to prepare yourself for Year 12 study where the work will be broader and more challenging than you will have experienced at GCSE.

For this project you should purchase and read one of the following five books:

1. Communist manifesto – Karl Marx
2. Heaven on Earth: The rise, Fall and Afterlife of Socialism – Joshua Muravchik
3. Comrades: Communism: A World History. – Robert Service.
4. Russia - Dmitri Trenin.
5. Communist States in the twentieth century – Bunce, Clements, Flint.

You must then complete a 1000 word book review to show your understanding and comprehension of the material.

This will be discussed and assessed in your first lesson back so must be ready for then. Secondly, throughout the course we will make regular use of two books in particular which you will need to purchase. The first of these is: Communist States in the 20th Century Edexcel student book.

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