**HISTORY**

I am very pleased that you have decided to study History at Fakenham Sixth Form and wish you every success with your GCSE results.

In Year 12 you will have two teachers and study two topics simultaneously.

Exam board: OCR

* Unit 1 England 1547-1603: The Later Tudors

Taught by Mr Pemberton

* Unit 2 Russia 1894 – 1941

Taught by Mrs Whitlam

TASK

Before your first lesson in September, you need to read this article about Rasputin:

<https://www.historytoday.com/archive/months-past/murder-grigori-rasputin>

Task 1: Answer these questions:

1. Describe Rasputin’s character and lifestyle
2. Why do you think the Tsar and Tsarina thought Rasputin could help their son?
3. Why did several people want to murder Rasputin?
4. How do you think Rasputin’s influence contributed to the eventual downfall of the Tsar?

Task 2: The first King you will learn about on the course will be Edward VI. Complete the timeline with a sentence describing the key event that happened on each date.

Any additional reading or watching related films or documentaries about the reigns of Edward VI, Mary I and Elizabeth I and Russia 1894-1941 would be beneficial in giving you a background knowledge about this course.

If you have any further questions, please contact: s.whitlam@fakenhamacademy.org

I look forward to meeting you in September,

Mrs Whitlam

**Key words and definitions for the Rasputin Article:**

* **Narcissist** -a person who has an excessive interest in or admiration of themselves**.**They may also have a lack of empathy for others and aneed for admiration
* **Flagellation –** Whipping yourself or someone else as a religious practice
* **Tsar -** The Emperor of Russia
* **Tsarina –** The Tsar’s wife
* **Haemophilia -** An inherited disorder in which the blood does not clot due to insufficient clotting factors. This causes unexplained bleeding, pain, swelling or tightness in joints, blood in urine or stool, and nose bleeds.
* **Abdicate –** to give up the throne