Deadline for Task: First lesson in week commencing 10\textsuperscript{th} September 2018

**Purpose of task:**

- To understand how Germany was unified by 1871 and the role that Bismarck played in forging a modern state.
- To develop skills in research, organisation and written communication.

**Task:** You are going to produce a research project exploring two key questions which are fundamental to the A level history course.

**Part 1: How was German unified by 1871?**

You need to research:

a) The growth of German nationalism 1815-1850
b) The Battle of Schleswig-Holstein 1863
c) The Austro-Prussian War 1866
d) The Franco-Prussian War 1870-71

**Part 2: Why is Otto von Bismarck remembered as ‘the Iron Chancellor’?**

You need to research the life and legacy of Bismarck including:

a) Early life
b) Achievements
c) Allies and enemies
d) Death and legacy

**Success criteria:**

- For each war you need to explain: what caused the conflict, which states/countries were involved and what the consequences of the conflict were (with particular emphasis on German territory and power).
- You need to provide a range of details about each aspect of Bismarck’s life and legacy.
- You should provide a conclusion, directly answering the two research questions.
- Your project should be thoroughly researched using at least 5 different websites/books/articles etc and these should be listed in a bibliography at the end of your project.
- Your project should be written in your own words and have a colourful and creative layout which engages the reader, including headings, images and annotated maps.

**Recommended resources:**

**Websites:**

- BBC Bitesize, Growth of Nationalism in Germany
  
  http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/guides/zqyrcdm/revision
- BBC Bitesize, Unification
  
  http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/higher/history/nationalism/unification/revision/1/
- German unification
  
- BBC History – Bismarck
  
  http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic_figures/bismarck_otto_von.shtml
- German History in Documents and Images
  
  http://germanhistorydocs.ghi-dc.org/home.cfm

**Audio:**

- Radio 4 In Our Time: Bismarck
  
  http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00775pm
- Radio 4 Memories of a Nation: Bismarck the Blacksmith
  
  http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b04k6sd7

**Prizes will be awarded for the best research projects in each class!**
Additional Information:

**Recommended reading & activities list:**


D Cooper, J Laver and D Williamson, *Years of Ambition: European History 1815-1914*, Hodder Murray, 2001

G Craig, *Germany 1866-1945*, Oxford University Press, 1999


**Required Stationery and Equipment for A Level History – Modern – European**

2 x A4 ring binders (one for British, one for European), lined paper, x2 highlighter pens, ring binder dividers.

**Essential Resources**

n/a

**Things to Consider Throughout the Year**

Students will be provided with a reading list and be recommended some key texts to purchase their own copy of. (Textbooks will be lent out by the department).