

HISTORY DEPARTMENT

TOP TIPS

for becoming a successful Post 16 HISTORY student



- 1** Consolidate your learning from each lesson, by transforming the information covered into a new format, eg Cornell notes or mindmaps.
- 2** Set yourself the challenge of memorising 10 key pieces of information (dates, developments, statistics) for each unit each week. Create a quiz with answers and get friends or family to test you.
- 3** Introduce personal flipped learning, by researching topics before they are covered in class. Read ahead within the textbook and use relevant pages of the **historyattallis** website to develop a foundation of knowledge.
- 4** Watch relevant university podcasts or lectures and documentaries, such as Leith Wrightson on 17th century Britain, or the Woodrow Wilson Centre talks on the Cold War. Take notes after watching.
- 5** Visit museums, collections, exhibitions and historical locations, related to your areas of study. Take a notebook and make notes.
- 6** Create glossaries of key terms and key people, and a bank of useful analytical and evaluative language for essay writing. Make word lists from the critical materials you read.
- 7** Engage in wider reading. As part of this, use the articles on and linked from the **historyattallis** Weebly and the in-class libraries of articles and books. The reading lists include further ideas too.
- 8** Use checklists to track your coverage of units and RAG them, as a self review, prior to revision. Flip your learning by reading ahead as well.
- 9** Use online archives to support your development of source analysis. Select relevant sources for the Russia and Germany units, identify source questions that they could relate to and apply the techniques of analysis relevant to the exam.
- 10** Produce brief plans for all past paper exam essay questions. For every three you plan, write one.