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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Re: Alternation to History A2 course

I am writing to inform you that the History department has made an alteration to the A2 course content. This will affect your son/daughter who has opted to take History for A level starting in September 2010.

The AS course will remain the same with one British unit focusing on Pitt to Peel 1783-1846 and one European unit on Italian Unification. In year 13 students will study one coursework unit on British History focusing on the Prime Ministers Gladstone and Disraeli and from September 2011 they will study a new unit: **Civil Rights in the USA 1865-1992.**

The department is very excited to offer this new course which focuses on the struggle of citizens in United States to gain equality before the law without regard to ethnic origins, gender or wealth. This course will replace the current A2 course on Russian History. We very much feel this course will be highly accessible for our A level students both fascinating and inspiring them about the history of America and its people. The department has expert knowledge and understanding of this course having taught it for many years previously at A level. Therefore we feel this change will benefit our A level students in many ways.

As a result of this change we will no longer be offering the trip to Russia for our A level students. However, we now plan to offer a trip to America and hope to be able to visit both New York and Washington DC. Information regarding this trip will be sent out shortly.

If you have any further questions regarding this change, please do not hesitate to contact me on 01934 742608.

Kind Regards

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