Department of History Essay Prize Winners

2015-16
Winner: Matthew D’Aloisio-Montilla, King’s College School: How ‘Roman’ was the Roman Empire?
Runner-up: Bert Stocks, Oundle School: Was Alfred the Great great?
Commended: Olivia Wyatt, Roundhay School: When did the Middle Ages begin and end?
Commended: Szymon Motyka, The Skinners’ School: Was slavery a real root cause of the American Civil War?

2014-15
Winner: Nicholas Linfoot, Gosforth Academy: ‘Was slavery a real root cause of the American Civil War?’

2013-14
Winner: Ciaran Green, Nottingham High School: Why did the Aztecs commit human sacrifice?
Runner-up: Clemency Fitter, King Edward VI, Handsworth: ‘Does King Richard III deserve to be rehabilitated?’
Commended: Robert Nirsimloo, Bolton School Boys’ Division: Did the barbarian invasions cause the end of the western Roman Empire?
Commended: Felix Peckham, Wellington College: To what extent did the return of Hong Kong to China in 1997 marks the end of the British Empire?
Commended: William Parsons, Longley Park Sixth Form College: Was the outcome of the American Civil War inevitable?

2012-13
Winner: Laura Robinson, Reigate College: Why were the Americas discovered by Europeans, not the other way round?
Commended: Lloyd Ross, Fallibroome Academy: What difference did the volunteers in the Spanish Civil War make?
Commended: Rebecca Oxland-Isles, Chesham Grammar School: ‘Those who cannot remember the past are doomed to repeat it. Discuss.’