Department of History Essay Prize Winners

2017-18

Winner: Flora Pinne, The Cherwell School, Oxford: Did Mao Zedong lay the foundations for China’s rapid development?

Runner-up: Edward Stoppard, All Saints’ Catholic Voluntary Academy, Mansfield: How ‘Roman’ was the Roman Empire?

Runner-up: Sian Bell, Blessed William Howard Catholic School, Stafford: Was the French Revolution a world historical event?

Commended: Lucy Ham, The Gryphon School, Sherborne: What changed in Britain in the 1960s?

Commended: Isabel Loubser, Brighton College, Brighton: Was the French Revolution a world historical event?

Commended: Samuel Holden, Runshaw College, Leyland: Was Alfred the Great great?

2016-17

Winner: Alexandrai Celli, Tapton School, Sheffield: Is it fair to call Stalin the new Tsar?

Runner-up: Charlotte De Leyser, Caterham School, Surrey: How ‘Roman’ was the Roman empire?

Commended: Elisa Giandomenico, Bilborough College, Nottingham: When did the Middle Ages begin and end?

Commended: Medeleine Hartland, Shrewsbury High School: Did Mao Zedong lay the foundations for China’s rapid development?

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.'