

## The Townsend-Warner History Prize 2018

### Paper 1

Students certainly rose to the challenge of another robust Townsend-Warner history paper this year. In line with last year, the highest mark was 90%, which was impressively produced by Rafael Leon-Villapalos (*Westminster Under*). Only one mark behind him was last year's winner, Brendan Bethlehem (*Westminster Under*) on 89. Two others, both from *The Hall School* scored over 80%, Wilkie Dent and Ben Heyes.

The best answers were on British monarchs and European military history. The cultural section posed a number of challenges with few knowing the author of *Summa Theologica* or *The Rights of Man*. Most, unsurprisingly, knew who had written *Romeo and Juliet* and *1984*. The questions on global assassinations produced some unusual answers with Gandhi being the only consistently correct answer. Many confused Malcolm X with Martin Luther King.

May I thank all those involved in teaching the candidates so effectively and providing them with such a firm knowledge of the past. I continue to be impressed by the breadth of knowledge stretching across a wide number of centuries, countries and cultures. I would like to wish the very best of luck to those who will go on to face the rather different challenges of Paper Two.

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