

PREPARING FOR A LEVEL POLITICS



Dear Year 11

I know that some of you are thinking of studying A Level Politics. I hope that this document will help you to get started in your studies and give you an idea of what to expect from the subject.

I am not suggesting that you buy everything on this list, it is easy enough to start paying close attention to political developments and using some of the other resources in this document.

The course we study is linked below. In Year 12 we study UK Government and UK Politics. In Year 13 we will be studying Political Ideologies and Government and Politics of the USA.

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/politics-2017.html>

Miss Mackie

A simple line drawing of a stack of five books of varying thicknesses, stacked on top of each other.	The cover of the book 'British Politics: A Very Short Introduction' by Anthony Wright, published by Oxford University Press. It features a red and blue background with a yellow circular badge in the top right corner.	The cover of the book 'The British Constitution: A Very Short Introduction' by Mark A. Rothstein, published by Oxford University Press. It has a red and green background.	The cover of the book 'The Prime Ministers: Reflections on Leadership from Wilson to May' by Steve Richards. It features a black and white illustration of a classical doorway.	The cover of the book 'Why We Get the Wrong Politicians' by Isabel Hardman. It features a red pen writing an 'X' over a box, with a '1000 BOOKS CHALLENGE' badge in the top right corner.
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A simple line drawing of a vintage television set with two antennae on top.	The logo for BBC Question Time, featuring a woman's portrait and the text 'Question Time' and 'THE NEW EUROPE'.	The logo for BBC Politics Live, showing a group of people sitting at a table with a red banner that says 'politics live'.	The logo for BBC Panorama, featuring a globe with the text 'BBC PANORAMA' overlaid.	The logo for BBC News, featuring a globe with the text 'NEWS' overlaid.
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<u>Politics Podcasts</u>	<u>Politics Websites</u>
The Political Party https://www.mattforde.com/podcast	UK Parliament https://www.parliament.uk/business/news/
The Bugle https://thebuglepodcast.com/	BBC Politics https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/politics
The Spectator https://www.spectator.co.uk/podcasts	Conservative Home https://www.conservativehome.com/
The New Statesman https://player.fm/series/the-new-statesman-podcast-98598	LabourList https://labourlist.org/
Reasons to be Cheerful https://www.cheerfulpodcast.com/reasons-to-be-cheerful-ed-miliband-geoff-lloyd	Huffington Post https://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/politics/
The Red Box https://play.acast.com/s/timesredbox	Politics https://politics.co.uk/

Free Online Courses

There are lots of courses available online that you can complete for free, that will give you a good introduction to the course.

What is Politics?

<https://www.open.edu/openlearn/society-politics-law/what-politics/content-section-0?active-tab=description-tab>

American Government: Constitutional Foundations

<https://www.edx.org/course/american-government-constitutional-foundations>

US Government: Foundations, democracy and Politics

https://www.edx.org/course/us-government-foundations-democracy-politics?source=aw&awc=6798_1585929049_bfe9126a5df9d71ee3160e9f6e11ac08&utm_source=aw&utm_medium=affiliate_partner&utm_content=text-link&utm_term=301045_https%3A%2F%2Fwww.class-central.com%2F