



Read/Research

If you are taking Politics, you need to get yourself up to speed now so you are ready for this new course. Politics isn't a subject you can read a book on and then it's done – you need to be keeping up with events every day, reading newspaper articles. There are some key places you should go for your reading:

Turn on notifications on your phone for **Sky News** and **BBC News** alerts. Both of these websites are great ways to keep in touch with basic news stories.

We would recommend a subscription to a quality newspaper like **The Independent**, **The Guardian** or **The Times** to develop a deeper understanding of world events.

There are a number of great websites that write articles on a full range of political issues. Some are funny and others more academic. Take your pick:

Politics Home

<https://www.politicshome.com/thehouse/magazine.htm>

The Spectator

<https://www.spectator.co.uk/>

Parliament News - articles written by MPs and Lords for MPs and Lords

<https://parliamentnews.co.uk/uk-parliament>



Watch/Listen

There is so much out there for you to listen to as this subject is so exciting and relevant.

A great favourite of mine are Podcasts.

Try from any of these:

NewsAgents

NewsAgents USA

The Rest is Politics

Newscast

Americast

Political Thinking

Try one of these as you are walking the dog

Films and TV which will support your learning:

Have I Got News For You (BBC)

Brian and Maggie (ITVX drama)

The Crown (NetFlix - Season 1-4 are marvellous)

Scandal

Designated Survivor

It's a little old but free on Amazon Prime. Try The West Wing



Revisit

The closest subject that you've studied before might be Citizenship GCSE

Any Citizenship material you might have on the role of an MP, the role of the government and Parliament and the nature of the UK's constitution or your rights would be well worth a little revision.

If you have never studied this, it is not a disadvantage. Just more to enjoy now...

Try a few basic websites to get the difference between Parliament and government.

This site is great for basic guides but important key terms

BBC Bitesize

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zkhgvwx>



Other Tasks

Investigate the role of an MP

- a) Who is your MP? What is your constituency? What is your MP interested in?

<https://members.parliament.uk/member/4654/contact>