



Read/Research	Watch/Listen	Revisit	Other Tasks
<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A quality newspaper, such as the Times, Guardian, Independent - Subscribe to Politics Review - you can get an online subscription and it is well worth it - Download this booklet – you will need it for the tasks and it is an excellent introduction: https://learning.parliament.uk/resources/how-it-works-parliament-government-democracy-and-you-16-18-booklet/ - http://simplepolitics.co.uk/ - this is amazing at explaining what is going on, please bookmark it or follow on social media - www.eachother.org.uk – this site looks at what governments are doing and how it links to human rights 	<p>The A Level Politics podcast on Spotify</p> <p>Radio news programmes such as <i>Today</i> on Radio 4</p> <p>Make sure you are watching current affairs programmes such as Panorama, Dispatches, A Week in Politics</p> <p>Watch the news daily – if you're not interested in it, this A Level isn't for you! Everything that is happening now will be important</p> <p>2019 in review: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0WPGUx_3Wf0</p> <p>Films and TV which will support your learning: <i>The Iron Lady</i> <i>In the Loop</i> <i>The Queen</i> <i>The Crown</i></p>	<p>Revisit Year 9, 10 and 11 History work on ideologies such as fascism, communism and democracy. The Cold War is helpful here, as is the rise of Hitler</p> <p>In PSHCE you will have discussed democracy and how the UK government works – remind yourself!</p> <p>In PSHCE you may have discussed issues such as the 2019 election, Brexit, Donald Trump</p>	<p>Investigate the role of an MP</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> research your local MP, who is he/she; which party do they represent; which constituency do they represent; what have they recently shown an interest in; research their voting history to see where they stand on key issues. https://members.parliament.uk/ investigate the role of an MP by playing the game in the link below. https://learning.parliament.uk/resources/mp-for-a-week/#cta-target <p>Keep up to date with current affairs – this is completely vital. Each week you need to record at least one news article or report that has influenced UK Politics in a table that includes:</p> <p>Date News source Summary of news Impact on UK Politics</p>

<p>- https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2019/dec/13/election-result-signifies-realignment-of-uk-politics</p>	<p><i>A Very English Scandal</i></p> <p><i>The Big Short</i></p> <p><i>House of Cards (UK and USA)</i></p> <p><i>Frost/Nixon</i></p> <p><i>The West Wing</i></p> <p><i>All the President's Men</i></p>		<p>Research skills: your task is to investigate the three key questions below. There are a number of sub-questions to help focus your research. Produce notes in a format you prefer. For example, you could create a table or a mind map.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Who runs the country? 2. How does Parliament work? 3. How is power shared between Westminster and the devolved administrations?
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