



POLITICS

In order to prepare for the start of Year 12 Government and Politics, and familiarise yourself with some of the content and skills needed for A-Level Politics, we would like to complete the following tasks before we start in September.

Activity

Independent Study Tasks:

Task-1 Background Knowledge

To obtain a basic background knowledge of the workings of Parliament. This does not have to be extensive, but will help you hugely in the first few weeks of the course especially.

Visit the following websites:



number10.gov.uk – A good assessment of the current developments in Government.



History Learning Site – An academic look at Parliament

Task- 2 Getting up to date

Please watch at least one episode of each of these. The more the better!

Question Time – BBC, Thursday Evening – Political debate with a live studio audience

Daily Politics – BBC, Sunday Morning– A bit heavy going, but in depth analysis of recent developments

The Andrew Marr Show – BBC, Sunday Morning – Senior politicians interviewed by Andrew Marr

Have I got news for you – BBC Iplayer

The News- BBC/ITV/Channel 4/Sky News – It is important to watch a range of channels.

Prime Ministers Questions – BBC, Wednesday Lunchtime – MPs ask the PM questions for 30 minutes.

Find a news website you trust and will use to keep up to date with the news in Year 12, this is a minimum expectation of the course.

Task 3 - Reading

Suggested Reading

Every newspaper, no matter whether broadsheet or tabloid will talk extensively about politics.

Please try to have read an article on politics from the following:

The Times, The Telegraph, The Guardian, The Sun, The Daily Mail

Please note you don't necessarily have to buy a copy of them, lots of coffee shops have them for free whilst you enjoy a coffee!

Further Reading:

Any biography on any of the following: Margaret Thatcher, John Major, Tony Blair, Gordon Brown, David Cameron will help gain an insight into the underworld of Government.

Please complete the set tasks by September.