Clitheroe Royal Grammar School Sixth Form: Transition Pack

Welcome to the Politics Department

We look forward to welcoming you to the Sixth Form.

This Transition Pack contains information to support your transition from GCSE to A Level study.

Please read all the documents ready to begin Year 12:

- Independent Learning in Politics
- Useful Websites to explore
- Politics Introductory Task **(this needs to be completed before you arrive at Sixth Form)**

✓ **The exam board specification** can be reached here: Edexcel A Level Politics (We will give you a version of this on your arrival)

✓ **Read the section called 'Qualification at a Glance'**, focusing on the A Level content.

✓ Don't worry if some of the work sounds challenging. A Level work is more difficult than GCSE work after all. Your teachers will be supporting you through this transition. The main quality we want from you at the start is enthusiasm – be willing to learn.

✓ Please talk to us if you are unsure about any aspect of the course.

We look forward to seeing you in September.

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What independent learning looks like in Government & Politics…

- ✓ **Keep up to date with today's news**. Either online (the BBC is particularly good for both UK & US politics) or browse the newspapers available in the Library. Alternatively, watch the news. Channel 4 News and Newsnight often have particularly detailed politics coverage whilst BBC News, Sky News and ITV News will keep you up to date with the latest developments.

- ✓ **Keep a diary of key political events and good examples** you can use to evidence your arguments. US papers (e.g. Washington Post) and US news coverage are also easily accessible online.

- ✓ **Make a habit of listening to / watching a range of politics-related podcasts and programmes**. Many are available as podcasts. BBC Newscast, Sky News' Politics at Sam and Anne's and the Rest is Politics provide plenty of insight. Radio 4 programmes such as the Week in Westminster and Law in Action and television programmes such as the Daily Politics go into more depth.

- ✓ **Download some political apps**. These are particularly useful for keeping up to date with US Politics. Politico is a good place to start and is free

- ✓ **Read Politics Review**. This is aimed at Government & Politics students. Hard copies are available in the library. Get into the habit of doing this regularly as well as using your textbook to review material covered in class.

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6 Useful Websites

Ctrl + Click on the icons below to open the links to websites that are useful for students of Politics. When you start your Politics course, you will be studying *Democracy (Unit One)* and *The Constitution (Unit Two),* both in relation to the UK.

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/politics/parliaments

https://www.politics.co.uk/

https://home.38degrees.org.uk/

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk

https://www.parliament.uk/

https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/prime-ministers-office-10-downing-street

https://www.electoral-reform.org.uk/

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Introductory Task

INTRODUCTION TO BRITISH POLITICS

TASK 1 Who's in power?

Who holds these important positions in British politics?

- Prime Minister
- Chancellor of the Exchequer
- Foreign Secretary
- Home Secretary
- Education Secretary
- Leader of the Opposition

TASK 2 The State of Play

What was the result of the 2024 General Election? Include only those parties who won seats in the House of Commons.

Party	Seats	Votes
Labour		
Conservatives		
Liberal Democrats		
Democratic Unionist		
Scottish Nationalists		

Sinn Fein		
Plaid Cymru		
Green		
Social Democratic and Labour Party		
Alliance		
Reform UK		
Independent candidates?		
The Speaker – how many votes did they get?	1	

TASK 3 Local MPs

Who are the MPs in North East Lancashire? Which parties do they represent?

Seat	MP	Party
Pendle and Clitheroe		
Ribble Valley		
Burnley		

Hyndburn		
Blackburn		
Rossendale and Darwen		

TASK 4 Who's been in power?

Fill in the names of the Prime Ministers and which parties they represented.

Prime Minister	Party	Dates
		2022-2024
		2022
		2019-2022
		2016-2019
		2010-2016
		2007-2010
		1997-2007
		1990-1997
		1979-1990