

A-Level Preparation into the Sixth Form 2025

Government and Politics

Pre-Course Summer Work

It is important that you keep up to date with the news and current affairs over the summer holidays. You should watch high quality programmes such as Sunday with Laura Kuenssberg on BBC1 (Sundays 9.00am), QuestionTime (Thursdays 10.30pm), Newsnight on BBC 2 (Weeknights 10.30pm). Programmes such as Panorama and Dispatches also provide coverage of contemporary political affairs. You must also read a broadsheet newspaper daily.

Recommended Reading

Dunleavy, Patrick et al. Developments in British Politics. Palgrave Macmillan, 2006

McNaughton, Neil. Edexcel Government and Politics for AS. Hodder Education 2008 (more related to the AS course than the others)

Jones, Bill et al. Politics UK. Pearson Education 2007 Heywood, Andrew. Essentials of UK Politics.

For something more readable and chatty in style, try:

Marr, Andrew. A History of Modern Britain. Macmillan, 2007. (This book includes a review of politics in the UK since 1945)

Crick, Bernard. Democracy: A Very Short Introduction. OUP, 2002 Rawnsley, Andrew. The End of the Party. Hodder, 2010

Task

For the first Government and Politics lesson in September you will need to produce a PowerPoint presentation on **one** of the following:

- (i) Analysis of the last general election
- (ii) One of the main political parties
- (iii) The electoral system
- (iv) A pressure group