

## SUBJECT: Politics

If you are interested in studying this subject at A Level, please see below for a range of things that you can do to help you bridge the gap between GCSE and A Level, and make a flying start when you join us.

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| A Level Specification that we use:                | AQA A-Level Politics   |
| Recommended Reading:                              | <p>UK Government and Politics for AS/A Level (Hodder Education) Lynch, Fairclough and Cooper.</p> <p>US Government and Politics for AS/A Level (Hodder Education) Anthony Bennett.</p> <p>Political Ideas for A Level Liberalism, Conservatism, Socialism, Feminism and Anarchism. McNaughton and Kelly.</p> <p>“How to be right” James O’ Brien. Ebury Publishing.</p> <p>The Death of Liberalism, R Emmett-Tyrell. Thomas Nelson</p> <p>How to be a Conservative, R Scruton. Bloomsbury Continuum.</p> <p>Arguments for Socialism, T Benn. Penguin</p> |
| To Watch: - Documentaries and Films               | <p>“Knock down the House” – Netflix film</p> <p>Joe Biden “From Tragedy to Triumph” You Tube film.</p> <p>The Testimony of Dominic Cummings at Parliamentary Committee 26/5/2021 – You Tube.</p> <p>“Vice” – Film about Vice President Cheney</p> <p>“Frost/Nixon” Film with Michael Sheen as David Frost.</p> <p>The economist on Marx, Wollstonecraft, Mill, Freidan all on youtube.</p>   |
| To Browse: - Useful Websites for general research | <p><a href="http://www.guardian.co.uk">www.guardian.co.uk</a></p> <p>labour.org.uk</p> <p><a href="http://www.conservatives.com">www.conservatives.com</a></p> <p>libdems.org.uk</p> <p>votegreenparty.org.uk</p> <p><a href="http://www.supremecourt.gov">www.supremecourt.gov</a></p> <p>everydaysexismproject.com</p>   |
| Other Suggestions:                                | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.Look at the 2019 General Election results and get an idea of the current Party standings.</li> <li>2.Look at the 2021 Scottish Parliament and Welsh Senedd results and get an idea of the Party standings.</li> <li>3.Revise current members of the UK Cabinet.</li> </ol>  |

4. Revise current members of the Shadow Cabinet and other Party Leaders (Lib Dem, Green, SNP)
  5. Read around the idea of “left” and “right” wing politics.
  6. Revise previous Prime Ministers back to 1979 (Margaret Thatcher)
  7. Listen to James O’ Brien (left) and Nick Ferrari (right) on LBC radio.
  8. Study the 2020 Presidential Election results in the USA
  9. Study the current make up of the US Senate and House of Representatives.
  10. Understand the importance of the US Supreme Court and learn what it does.
  11. Read a broadsheet newspaper such as “The Guardian” (online)
  12. Read a biography or online articles on key figures of the last 25 years such as Blair, Cameron, Farage, Clegg or May.
- 13. Research the ideas of core ideologies: liberalism, conservatism and socialism.**
- 14. Research some of the key thinkers of Liberalism: John Locke, JS Mill, Mary Wollstonecraft, John Rawls, Betty Fredian.**
- 15. Research some of the key thinkers of conservatism: Thomas Hobbes, Edmund Burke, Michael Oakeschott, Ayn Rand, Robert Nozick.**
- 16. Research some of the key thinkers of socialism: Karl Marx, Rosa Luxemburg, Beatrice Webb, Anthony Crosland, Anthony Giddens.**
- 17. Read what feminism is and its impact, how has it changed women (and men’s) lives in the last hundred years?**