



Welcome to the Sixth Form

Government and Politics Information

Hello! Welcome to A-Level Politics. Below is an overview of the A-Level course and also suggested activities for the summer. However, the most important thing is that you familiarise yourself with the current UK and US Politics. Miss Hughes

Examination board: [Edexcel](#)

In Year 12 you will study:

UK politics: Paper 1

Democracy and Participation

Political parties

Electoral systems

Voting Behaviour and the Media

Core Political Ideas e.g. Conservatism, Liberalism, Socialism

USA: Paper 3

The US Constitution and Federalism

US Congress

US presidency

US Supreme Court

Civil Rights

Democracy and Participation

Comparative theories

Reading List

The most important thing is that you increase your awareness of current affairs.

Read a variety of broadsheet newspapers (The Guardian*, The Times*, The FT*, The Telegraph) regularly (every 2-3days). Don't just focus on details of events also read the editorials to get an idea of the different perspectives.

Watch/Listen to the news daily

- Radio 4 - Today Programme
- Radio 4 - Yesterday in Parliament
- Six O'Clock or Ten O'Clock News on BBC or 7pm News on Channel 4
- Newsnight
- Question Time
- Have I got News for You
- Dispatches
- Panorama

Magazines/Journals

- The Week
- The Economist (very good for US Politics)*
- Prospect
- The New Statesman (left-wing)
- The Spectator (right-wing)
- Private Eye
- The New Yorker*

Podcasts

A list of UK Political Podcasts can be found here: <https://player.fm/podcasts/UK-Politics>

A list of US Podcasts can be found here: <https://www.timeout.com/things-to-do/best-political-podcasts>

Those marked with an (*) can be accessed by using the log in on firefly see details here: <https://putneyhigh.fireflycloud.net/library/e-library>.