

Year 11 into 12 Politics bridging work 2022



Why Study A Level Politics?

Studying A Level Politics will provide an insight into political beliefs central to an understanding of the modern world. It also develops analytical and evaluative skills in relative to interesting topics prevalent in the tumultuous political climate of today.

This A Level also provides a foundation of political knowledge on which to develop skills for university study. Example degree courses which generally require or accept Politics A Level include Politics, Economics, Journalism, Law, International Relations and History.

What will you study during A Level Politics?

You will follow the AQA specification and topics covered currently include politics in the USA and the UK in addition to the study of a range of political ideologies.

What skills will you get from studying A Level Politics?

Studying this A Level will develop your comprehension of structures of authority and power, how political systems vary, and enable you to understand, evaluate and comment on the nature of politics and government. You will also develop a range of transferrable, analytical, debating and communication skills - all of which are valuable in a wide array of career paths.

Welcome to A Level Politics! Over the summer complete the tasks below to help you prepare for studying a brand-new subject. In the first year we look at UK politics and political ideologies- the work below is designed to help you familiarise yourself with some of the key ideas, events, and institutions ahead of your first lessons.

The work

Task 1: What is Politics?

Watch the video in the link below: *Politics a view from the street*. Consider how you would define Politics. You may want to think about why it is such a contested concept and how that affects the different ways people define politics.

<https://www.open.edu/openlearn/society-politics-law/what-politics/content-section-1.3>

Write a half page summary of what you understand by the term politics.

Task 2: Introduction to Democracy

Login to Pre-chewed Politics. <https://www.prechewedpolitics.co.uk/>

Access the **UK member** login using the following details:

Username: lcramp5.310@parkhighstanmore.org.uk

Password: PHSPolitics2022 (case sensitive)

Navigate to the ***Democracy and participation*** page and watch:

Video 1. What is democracy?

Video 5. Is the UK a liberal democracy?

While watching the videos, answer the questions available on the Pre-chewed Politics worksheets (next to the videos).

Task 3: What is ideology?

Part 1:

Login to Pre-chewed Politics. <https://www.prechewedpolitics.co.uk/>

Access the **Political Ideas Member** login using the following details:

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Password: PHSPolitics2022 (case sensitive)

Navigate to the ***Core Political Ideologies*** page and watch:

- 1) What are the origins of liberalism?
- 2) What are the origins of socialism?
- 3) What are the origins of conservatism?

As you watch, complete the associated work sheets.

Part 2: Complete the political party quiz by following the UK isidewith link below.

<https://uk.isidewith.com/political-quiz>

Does this align with your ideological view? If not consider in which areas your viewpoint differs, think about why that might be? What has shaped your political views?

Task 4: Current Events

Throughout the summer keep an eye on the news - note down any key political events that occur creating a political events diary. Try to find different news sources covering the same event and compare the way the event is covered.

Task 5: US Politics

Watch the Youtube clip below:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uRu_JcarCDY

Write an explanation or draw a diagram to show how the US political system works.

Digital Resources

Below is a selection of digital resources that will help you to get prepared and ready to study A level Politics. Click on the links to access the resources.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RAMblz3Y2JA&t=70s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xL8L7kM-gak>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bc78rgUfsFw>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W_usvcJhpnQ

Resources and preparation for September:

- ✓ Print off the specification

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/politics/a-level/politics-7152/changes-for-2022>

- ✓ Buy a level arch file and page dividers

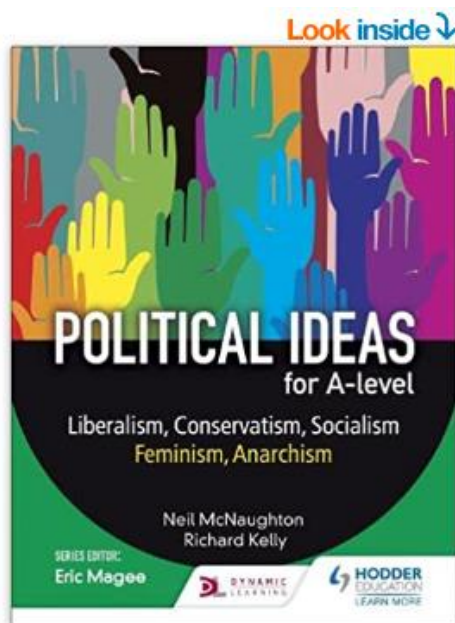
- ✓ Purchase the core textbooks



AQA A Level Politics

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Political Ideas for A Level

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