

Transition work for A Level Politics 2025

Welcome to Politics!

You have chosen a brilliant new subject to study at A Level. Politics will help you to make sense of the world. Politics is a fast-changing subject, so we are always discussing current issues, events and developments. Politics is also fun. If you engage with the subject, we hope you will learn to enjoy it as much as we do.

Complete the following tasks in preparation for starting the course:

1. Research your local MP

- Their name and the political party they represent
- The constituency they represent
- Their work and issues they have shown an interest in
- Their voting history.

<https://members.parliament.uk/FindYourMP>

2. Who is in the UK Cabinet?

The Cabinet is the team of 20 or so most senior ministers in the Government who are chosen by the Prime Minister to lead on specific policy areas such as Health, Transport, Foreign Affairs or Defence.

Produce a list of the Cabinet members and their area of responsibility.

<https://members.parliament.uk/Government/Cabinet>

3. Evaluate the view that the voting age should be lowered to 16 for UK general elections.

You will need to include arguments supporting and challenging the view that the voting age should be lowered to 16 for UK general elections.

Remember to support your answer with evidence (the links below will help you with this).

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c9007edn144o>

<https://www.electoral-reform.org.uk/campaigns/votes-at-16/>

<https://www.unicef.org/innocenti/should-children-vote>

4. Read/watch the news over the summer holidays.

Create a 10-question quiz on current political events that we can use in September. Don't forget to write the answers as well as the questions!

For further queries or to submit work, please email jmanton@wigstonmat.org

Extension activities

Watch the following documentaries on BBC iPlayer:

Blair & Brown: The New Labour Revolution

The story of two powerful personalities at the heart of a political phenomenon. Tony Blair, Gordon Brown and their closest allies chart the rise and difficult legacy of New Labour.

4 episodes

Decision 79 – The Morning After

The story of the historic 3rd May 1979 General Election which swept Margaret Thatcher to power. David Dimbleby presents the BBC's Decision 79 election results programme, with analysis by David Butler and Robert McKenzie and interviews by Robin Day.

China: A New World Order

Examining the controversial presidency of Xi Jinping and how he is reshaping the world order.

4 episodes