

Getting Ready For *Politics*

Your Name		
A Level Politics	Introduction to A Level	Edexcel

We are delighted you have chosen to study Politics at Haywards Heath College.


Instructions: This pack will help you make the best possible start to studying this subject.

The tasks in this pack:

- should take you **about 4 hours to complete**.
- should be handed into your teacher when teaching starts **from 11th September 2023** with your name on it for assessment.
- are also available on the internet – follow the links in the document.

If you need help: The tasks are designed to get a bit more difficult as you work through them as they are preparing you for studying at a higher level and to become an effective independent learner. You should try to get as far as you can working on your own but if you do need help, please email us at info@haywardsheath.ac.uk telling us which Getting Ready For pack you are working on and what help you need. Help is available throughout the summer holidays.

Skills Focus for this Getting Ready for Pack	
Internet research Reflection on political views Writing a summary of findings Research	Note taking Designing and conducting a survey Interviewing Record interview information

Target Grade	Type of task	Task and subject specific skill reference	Deadline
All	Internet research	<p>View website https://www.politicalcompass.org/ or access it here:</p>  <p>Read the homepage then access the "Take the test" section.</p> <p>This test is designed to make a judgment on where you stand politically. You may want a dictionary as there are some interesting words. Once completed either print off your result or sketch it (it appears as a diagram).</p> <p>Once completed write a minimum four sentence paragraph giving a summary of how you feel about the result (Are you surprised? Did you think the result would end up differently?)</p>	from 11 th September 2023
All	Internet research	<p>Research the questions below. You should write a substantial paragraph (at least five sentences) for each question. It should be focused on UK Politics and should include examples.</p> <p>What is Separation of powers? What is the executive? What is the legislature? What is the judiciary?</p>	from 11 th September 2023
All	Internet research	<p>Choose an MP – research and write a summary explaining their background and their involvement in politics (e.g. posts held, events involved in, their opinions on some key issues, etc.)</p> <p>You can choose any MP you like – they do not have to be local.</p> <p>This research report should be no less than 300 words.</p>	from 11 th September 2023
All	Conduct a survey	<p>Design a questionnaire to investigate attitudes towards politics.</p> <p>You should include at least six questions overall.</p> <p>You need to design questions to find out attitudes towards MPs, political parties and Parliament. It may be worth investigating some of the current issues, e.g. COVID response, Partygate, Ukraine, etc.</p> <p>Choose only a small sample to survey – 3 or 4 people will be sufficient.</p> <p>Once your survey is completed - write a summary paragraph for each area – attitudes towards MPs, political parties and Parliament. Your summary should be no less than 100 words.</p>	from 11 th September 2023