

# Getting Ready For *Politics*

Your Name		
<i>A Level Politics</i>	<i>Intro to Year 1</i>	Summer 2024

We are delighted you have chosen to study Politics at Worthing 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 **e-mailed** to your teacher when teaching starts –with your name on it for assessment.
- are 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 [gettingreadyfor@worthing.ac.uk](mailto:gettingreadyfor@worthing.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.

**GOOD LUCK!**

Skills Focus for this Getting Ready for Pack	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Internet research</li> <li>• Reflection on political views</li> <li>• Writing a summary of findings</li> <li>• Research</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Note taking</li> <li>• Designing &amp; conducting a survey</li> <li>• Interviewing</li> <li>• Record interview information</li> </ul>

Summer work –		Topic	
Target Grade	Type of task	Task and subject specific skill reference	Deadline
All	Internet research	<p>View website - <a href="https://www.politicalcompass.org/">https://www.politicalcompass.org/</a></p> <p>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 paragraph giving a summary of how you feel about the result.</p>	<b>Sept 2024</b>
All	Internet research	<p>Research the questions below. You should write a substantial paragraph for each question, it should be focused on UK Politics and should include examples</p> <p>What is Separation of powers?</p> <p>What is the executive?</p> <p>What is the legislature?</p> <p>What is the judiciary?</p>	<b>Sept 2024</b>
All	Internet Research	Choose a MP – research and write a summary explaining their background and their involvement in politics	<b>Sept 2024</b>
All	Conduct a survey	<p>Design a questionnaire to investigate attitudes towards politics.</p> <p>You need to design questions to find out attitudes towards MPs, political parties and Parliament.</p>	<b>Sept 2024</b>

		<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.</p>	
All	Research	<p>It is important for the A-Level Politics course that you closely follow the political news. In the time before you start the course, please complete the following research and write at least a paragraph on each:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identify and explain at least <u>two</u> key politics events over the summer months before the course. These should be UK political events.</li> <li>2. Identify and explain at least <u>two</u> key policies introduced by the current government.</li> <li>3. Identify and explain at least <u>two</u> key policies of the Labour Party.</li> <li>4. Although we do not formally study US Politics until Year 2 of the course, it is essential that you follow U.S politics. Therefore, please write a paragraph each for at least <u>two</u> key events in US politics over the summer.</li> </ol>	<b>Sept 2024</b>
Notes:			

## Work Experience week

All year 1 students are required to participate in a week-long work placement during their first year of study. You will be expected to locate one week's worth of work placement and submit your work experience form before October half term.

### Placement Dates:

L2/L3 students on double /triple qualifications:

1 week course-specific placement, expected placement dates will be confirmed by the course leaders at the beginning of September.

Students with 2 or more single subjects:

1 week placement during the Easter holidays or w/c 23 June 2025

You can find the work experience form [HERE](#)  
 More information and guidance can be found [HERE](#)