

Getting Ready For *Politics*

Your
Name

A Level Politics

Intro to Year 1

Summer 2025

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.

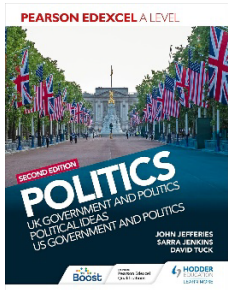

If you need help: The tasks are designed to get a bit more difficult as you work through them as they are preparing you for studying at a higher level and to become an effective independent learner. You should try to get as far as you can working on your own but if you do need help, please email us at gettingreadyfor@worthing.ac.uk, 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

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internet research • Reflection on political views • Writing a summary of findings • Research | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note taking • Designing & conducting a survey • Interviewing • Record interview information |
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Summer work –		Topic	
Target Grade	Type of task	Task and subject specific skill reference	Deadline
All	Internet research	<p>View website - https://www.politicalcompass.org/</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>	Sept 2025
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>	Sept 2025
All	Internet Research	Choose a MP – research and write a summary explaining their background and their involvement in politics	Sept 2025
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> <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>	Sept 2025

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"> 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. 2. Identify and explain at least <u>two</u> key policies introduced by the current government. 3. 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. <p>Please use the link below to purchase the textbook required for the Politics A level course – it is the only textbook required for the A level course. There are also limited copies in the college library that can be borrowed.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div> <p>https://www.amazon.co.uk/Pearson-Edexcel-Level-Politics-2nd/dp/1398369160/ref=sr_1_fkmr0_1?crd=16BL1F6E966WD&dib=eyJ2IjojMSJ9.epqWEIzqm9H5yG6tkbiTrwiw_LJuUBO1IWlguvesfegJwp9iEFa196xFfvJj1m_y.tu1a5i3MLon1WO17QjQJuL-yoZrJ9s3XXBaH4uguDE8&dib_tag=se&keywords=pearson+ed+excel+a+level+politics&qid=1747906239&srefix=pearson+edexcel+a+level+politics%2Caps%2C78&sr=8-1-fkmr0&ufe=app_do%3Aamzn1.fos.95fd378e-6299-4723-b1f1-3952ffba15af</p>	Sept 2025
Notes:			

Work Placement Week

All students are required to participate in a **compulsory** week-long work placement. It is recommended that the placement chosen is either relevant to your course, or relevant to what your future career aspirations are.

Work placement form submission deadline

<p>All L2 and L3 students studying on triple or double courses will be given their work placement week dates by their course leaders when they start in September.</p> <p>The deadline to submit your placement forms are as follows:</p>	Date of work placement week	Deadline for returning completed form
	Dec-25	24th October 2025
	January / February 2026	24th October 2025
	March / April 2026	19th December 2025
<p>All students studying 2 or more single subjects will have the option of either carrying out their work placement during:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February half term • Easter holidays • May half term • 22nd – 26th June 2026 <p>The deadline to submit your placement forms are as follows:</p>	May / June 2026	13th February 2026
	Date of work placement week	Deadline for returning completed form
	February half term (16th - 20th February)	Friday 24th October 2025
	Easter holidays (27th March - 13th April)	Friday 19th December 2025
	May half term (26th - 29th May)	Friday 13th February 2026
	22nd – 26th June	Friday 1st May 2026