

GETTING READY FOR PACK

A Level Politics

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

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

Unit/Topic	In year one you will study:
	1. UK Politics – Democracy, Electoral Systems, Political Parties, and Voting Behaviour 2. UK Government – Constitution, Parliament, Executive, Supreme Court, and European Union 3. Political Ideologies – Liberalism, Conservatism, Socialism, and Nationalism

WHAT YOU NEED

Kit List	N/A
Course Supplement	N/A
Equipment	Three ring-binded lever-arched folders, general stationery
Essential Textbooks	From September: <i>Pearson Edexcel A Level UK Government and Politics Seventh Edition</i> (ISBN-10: 1398388092) 

ENRICHMENT

Trips	• UK Parliament Trip – hosted by local MP
Guest Speakers	• Local MP (whoever is elected from the 2024 election) • Local councillors from different parties – Labour and Lib Dem
Events	• STAR Awards

OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL READING/STUDY

The Politics Book DK	ISBN-10: 9781409364450
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SUMMER WORKING TASK INFORMATION

Completion Date: First Lesson Week Commencing 08/09/25

This pack will help you make the best possible start to studying this subject. The tasks in this pack should take you about 4-6 hours to complete.

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.

SUMMER WORKING TASK

Skills Focus

Internet research. Reflection on political views. Writing a summary of findings. Designing and conducting a survey. Record interview information. Research, note taking and interviewing.

Task 1

Internet research

Target Grade - All



View website

<https://www.politicalcompass.org/> or access it here:

Read the homepage then access the "Take the test" section.

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).

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?)

Task 2

Internet research

Target Grade - All

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.

What is Separation of powers?

What is the executive?

What is the legislature?

What is the judiciary?

Task 3 Internet research Target Grade - All	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.) You can choose any MP you like – they do not have to be local. This research report should be no less than 300 words.
Task 4 Conduct a survey Target Grade - All	Design a questionnaire to investigate attitudes towards politics. You should include at least six questions overall. 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. cost of living crisis, the 2024 election, Rishi Sunak, Kier Starmer, Ukraine, etc. Choose only a small sample to survey – 3 or 4 people will be sufficient. 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.

RECOMMENDED READING/WATCH LIST	
Contextual Info – Over the Summer? During the course? Specifically linked to a topic/unit?	
Book	Name & ISBN Politics On the Edge by Rory Stewart (ISBN-10: 1529922860) The Life of an MP: Everything You Really Need to Know About Politics by Jess Phillips (ISBN-10: 9781398500907) A History of Modern Britain by Andrew Marr (ISBN-10: 1509839666)
Video	Name & Link An Introduction to Parliament - An introduction to Parliament (youtube.com) How do UK elections work? - How do UK elections work? CNBC Explains (youtube.com)