

Subject	Qualification	Examination Board
Politics	A-Level	Edexcel
Additional Information:		

Task Overview:

1. A weekly diary of key political events
2. Get prepped for September by building a range of resources and web sites
3. Mini-Presentation
4. Mini-Essay
5. Buy the textbook

Success Criteria:

Hand in the diary and show proof of your online, Social Media use.
 Writing an engaging mini-essay.
 Having an interesting presentation which shows how you think about Politics.

Resources:

Task sheet
 Edexcel AS &A Level Politics - Pearson - ISBN 978 1 292 187044
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How will the work produced will fit into subsequent work and the specification as a whole?

The tasks will build essential habits of learning about current events and relating them to the curriculum. It will also help prepare you for the seminar/discussion style lessons we have. I will also get some indication of your writing level.

How should the work should be presented?

The diary and mini-essay can be online or on paper. The presentation should have a show and tell prop - like a newspaper article.

Who should you contact if you should require further assistance with the work before the end of term?

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Length of time expected to complete tasks:

Ongoing - until the start of term.

Submission Requirements:

First lesson of the course.

What equipment will be needed for the subject?

Textbook as listed above.

Optional Extension Task/Further Reading

<http://alevelpolitics.com/>
<https://www.prechewedpolitics.co.uk/>
<http://www.thestudentroom.co.uk/content.php?r=3558-a-level-politics>
<http://www.thestudentroom.co.uk/forumdisplay.php?f=276>
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/politics> <https://www.totalpolitics.com/>
<http://www.theweek.co.uk/politics> <http://www.politics.co.uk/>
<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/politics/> <http://www.theguardian.com/politics>
<https://www.politicshome.com/> <http://blogs.spectator.co.uk/tag/uk-politics/>
<http://www.newstatesman.com/politics/uk>

Politics is a course that requires you to have a good knowledge of events as they happen. You can use these as case studies to explain the underlying aspects of UK Government and Politics. You must develop a wide palette of resources and sources of information - many sources will be subjective or biased, and it is essential to triangulate your information. Complete these Tasks by the first lesson in September:

TASK 1

Keep a weekly diary of political events in the UK and in the USA. For each event list what different sources are saying about it like this:

Country	Date	Event	Key Details	Range of opinions

TASK 2

These will help you with Task 1 and Task 3.

1. Watch a 'serious' news programme on a regular basis through the week. Channel 4 news at 7, the BBC or ITN 10 o'clock news, BBC Newsnight.
2. Read broadsheet newspaper as often as you can - a daily dip into a balance of titles from right and left leaning papers (e.g. The Telegraph and the Guardian) is important.
3. Watch politics shows like the Daily and Sunday Politics, or Andrew Marr on Sunday. Regularly catch-up with Question Time on iPlayer
4. Create a twitter account on which you only follow political commentators, politicians and political journalists.
5. Create favourites for politics on your web browser

Task 3

Please note you will be required to 'show and tell' this task in September; it won't be the first lesson, but it will be very early in the course.

You could bring in notes from a radio debate or TV show, a newspaper article or a political flyer. Bring in an item, this could be a notes from a radio debate, a picture of a politician, a political cartoon, a newspaper article or something more different... like an old shoe. Be creative. Be prepared to tell the class how this 'item' connects to Politics.

Task 4:

Please note this task will be read by your teachers only.

Extended writing: If you had to vote tomorrow - which political party would you vote for and why? Your discussion needs to be backed up by specific details such as current policies, events, names, debates and possibly quotes from politicians.

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Task 5

Please buy a copy of this textbook ready for lesson 1: Edexcel AS &A Level Politics - Pearson

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