



Government & Politics

1. Expectations for success are:

- Attendance at every lesson is expected. If absence does occur, students must take responsibility for catching up on missed work.
- Homework will be set on a lesson by lesson basis and will include such tasks as reading, note taking, research from relevant magazines and websites, essays, essay plans, mock exam questions and, preparing group presentations. This is in addition to any pre-learning tasks set by your subject teachers.
- Students are expected to be fully engaged and involved in lessons by taking notes, asking questions, participating in discussions and group tasks and to seek extra support and guidance to support and extend their learning.
- Should students fail to meet homework deadlines or disrupt the learning environment within history lessons, sanctions will be applied in accordance with the schools behaviour for learning policy. Repeated violations will result in students being asked to leave the subject.

2. The characteristics of an outstanding student in this subject are:

Aiming for A*/A grade

Those students aiming at an A*/A grade in Politics should acquire copies of the recommended texts below for use in lessons, planning and writing of essay's, wider reading & revision as well as using the suggested web links and video links listed. The more comprehensive your level of knowledge and understanding the more likely you can achieve highly in the subject.

A*/A - Activities outside of class

- The more prepared you are the better you will perform on the examinations.
- Completion of Glossary of Key Terms (see below)
- Completion of Who's Who list
- Producing timelines of key events to aid revision
- Watching Newsnight, current affairs programmes and Documentaries.
- Re-reading chapters covered in class
- Completing practice exam questions from textbooks (ask your teacher for relevant page numbers).
- Wider research using reliable internet sites
- Subscribing to and reading Politics Review magazine
- Visit the school Library and make use of its resources for wider reading
- Attending Student Conferences when available (your teacher will let you know).
- Peer marking another student's work

3. Wider Reading List

Exam board recommended texts

- [Edexcel Government and Politics for AS \(4th edition\)](#) by Neil McNaughton
- [My Revision Notes: Edexcel AS UK Government and Politics \(MRN\)](#) by Neil McNaughton
- [Edexcel AS Government and Politics: Unit 2: Governing the UK](#) by Chris Robinson
- [AS and A Level Government and Politics Through Diagrams: Oxford Revision Guides](#) by Paul Fairclough
- P.Fairclough & P. Lynch, 'UK Government and Politics', 2003
- [AS UK Government and Politics Flash Revise Pocketbook](#) by Paul Fairclough and Eric Magee
- Exploring British Politics 2nd Edition [Dr Mark Garnett, Dr Philip Lynch](#)
- [UK Elections and Electoral Reform \(Advanced Topic Masters\)](#) by Neil Smith (2011)
- The Constitution and Constitutional Reform Advanced Topic Master [Nick Gallop](#)
- [UK Parties and Pressure Groups \(Advanced Topic Masters\)](#) by Neil Smith (25 May 2007)
- Politics association resources available from www.politicsassociation.com
- There are dozens of useful articles in Talking Politics and Politics Review which focus on topics covered by the course with useful articles by examiners giving exam techniques and tips

4. Independent Study Ideas

Weblinks

There are a host of weblinks dedicated to Politics and your teacher will give you a list of these at the start of the course. Sites with a good range of articles and information to begin your research include:

<http://news.bbc.co.uk>

www.historylearningsite.co.uk/british_politics.htm

www.number10.gov.uk

www.explore.parliament.uk/