



Introduction to Post-16 Studies - Politics

Studying politics at Bewdley Sixth Form is an incredible challenge. During the 2-year course you will gain an insight into the UK and US political systems and explore some of the major political movements which impact our society. You will develop key skills such as analysis, evaluation and critical thinking.

The following challenges will help you develop some of the initial skills and knowledge needed for this course. The ones labelled summer work must be completed during the summer, ready for September. The other activities are designed to invite your curiosity of the subject!



Summer work watch these clips

UK Parliamentary system

US Political system



Summer Work – Listen to this podcast and make notes

The A Level Politics Show | Listen to Podcasts On Demand Free | TuneIn



Complete this online course

Propaganda and Ideology in Everyday Life



Investigation

Investigate the last US election. How many votes did Biden win by and how did this translate into Electoral college votes?



Summer Work – Investigate whether there is a participation crisis in the UK

Find out the voter turnout for every general election since and including 1997. 1997, 2001, 2005, 2010, 2015, 2017, 2019. What do these results suggest about political participation in the UK?



Summer Work – Origins of the Constitution For each year, you need to determine:

1. What happened
2. The impact it had on the UK constitution
3. Use the following dates: 1215, 1689, 1701, 1911 and 1949, 1972
4. Use this video to help you
5. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/history-ks3-magna-carta/zjfp382>



Useful links

The specification of the politics course:

[AQA A Level Politics Specification](#)

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