



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 and make notes

[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](#)



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:

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