

A-level Government and Politics at Chatham Grammar

Summer work: a summary

1. Keep a 'politics in the news' journal

Sample newspapers, news blogs, news TV programmes such as Newsnight and Question Time and news podcasts to find some that you like.

Already got some that you like? Seek some alternatives to see if they're giving the same message.

Keep a log of news stories relating to politics in this country or overseas. Add at least three entries per week, like this. A template for your news diary is included with the Summer Work and this should be printed and brought to your first lesson of Politics in Year 12:

Week beginning 27/06/2022	
29/06/2022	<p>Nicola Sturgeon has announced that there will be a second referendum for Scottish Independence. This follows on from the narrow first referendum for Scottish Independence that was held in 2014 in which the 55% voted to remain part of the United Kingdom. The vote is expected to take place in October 2023.</p> <p>To find out more about Scottish independence I read an article from the Financial Times which detailed how Boris Johnson's Conservative government will attempt to counter the independence campaign...</p>

I recommend keeping this electronically so that you can include the hyperlinks. Google Keep is good for this sort of thing if you're doing it from a phone. Ensure that you are using reputable news sources that are verifiable.

2. Research your MP

Find out who your MP is, if you don't already know, and create a profile about them.

Include:

- Political party
- Background
- Information from any interviews you might be able to find
- Voting record – use the They Work For You website to find out how your MP has voted on big issues in Parliament.

3. Essay

Please write an essay to complete one of the following statements:

'A political issue that I feel strongly about is...'

'The franchise should be extended to 16 year olds because...'

- The essay should be one to two sides of A4
- Please **hand write**