



Transition Pack

A Level Politics

Summer 2018

Name: _____

Due in first lesson September 2018

Task 1



Get creative!

Design a politically provocative t-shirt competition (nothing, rule lude, crude or offensive) OR a political satirical cartoon OR a political meme from a topical current affairs story.

For inspiration look at these political cartoonist websites:

<http://www.belltoons.co.uk/>

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/matt/>

<https://www.theguardian.com/profile/martinrowson>

Task 2

Fantasy Cabinet League:

To get into the World Cup fever, create your ideal cabinet. Be prepared to present it with the justification for each appointment. Use at least 6 past or present politicians and you could also use non politicians or fictional characters.

Theresa May's cabinet



Theresa May
Prime Minister



David Lidington
Minister for
Cabinet Office



Philip Hammond
Chancellor



Boris Johnson
Foreign Secretary



Sajid Javid
Home Secretary



David Davis
'Brexit' Secretary



Gavin Williamson
Defence Secretary



Jeremy Hunt
Health & Social
Care Secretary



David Gauke
Justice Secretary



Damian Hinds
Education
Secretary



Liam Fox
International Trade
Secretary



Greg Clark
Business
Secretary



Michael Gove
Environment
Secretary



Chris Grayling
Transport
Secretary



James Brokenshire
Housing &
Communities



Baroness Evans
Leader of Lords



David Mundell
Scottish
Secretary



Alun Cairns
Welsh Secretary



Karen Bradley
Northern Ireland
Secretary



Penny Mordaunt
Intl Development
Secretary



Matthew Hancock
Culture Secretary



Esther McVey
Work & Pensions
Secretary



Brandon Lewis
Party Chair

Task 3

Immerse yourself in current affairs: Read/listen/watch one from at least 2 genres of media – be prepared to present your findings.

Print	Podcasts	Programmes	Blogs
Guardian Financial Times Times Telegraph The Economist Private Eye Spectator New Statesman	The Today Programme Radio 4 Parliament Explained Coffee House (Spectator) Five Thirty Eight NPR Foreign Affairs Monocle New Statesman FT Politics FT World Weekly LSE Public Events Guardian Politics The Anthill Vox The World Next Week (Council of Foreign Affairs) Talking Politics Page 94 (Private Eye) The Economist Week in Westminster What the Papers Say Westminster Hour	The Today Programme – Radio 4 The Moral Maze – Radio 4 Daily Politics, Sunday Politics, This Week show (BBC) Channel 4 News Newsnight BBC Peston on Sunday (ITV) Andrew Marr show Question Time (BBC) Fiction Carry on Brussels Tracey Breaks the News Yes Prime Minister State of Play The Thick of It	LSE The Conversation Ox Pol Nottingham Thinking Politics Centre on Constitutional Change Politico Guido Fawkes LabourList LabourUncut Conservative Home Liberal Voice The Staggers Coffee House Blog Total Politics Political Scrapbook Filibuster UK

Watch the news over the summer holiday. Create a 10 question quiz below to test someone on when you come back;

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____
- 7 _____
- 8 _____
- 9 _____
- 10 _____

Task 4

Browse the video materials on this page to get a background of the key themes for Unit 1: UK Politics, and Unit 2: UK Government (Edexcel). Please note that they are interspersed with teaching notes. This link should take you to recent BBC political reviews of the years [2014-2017]. In the Prime Minister section there are videos on Thatcher and Blair and audio materials on Brown and Cameron. http://www.earlhamsociologypages.co.uk/govpol.html#_reviewsManage

Task 5

In your own words explain the meaning of the following key terms:

Term	Explanation
Power	
Citizenship	
Participation	
Representation	
Pluralism	
Civil Liberties	
Authority	
Legitimacy	
Democracy	
Mandate	
Manifesto	
Constitution	
Separation of powers	
Presidential Government	
Judicial Independence	
Judicial Neutrality	
Sovereignty	
Elective Dictatorship	
Codified constitution	
Uncodified constitution	

Scrutiny	
Rule of Law	
Judicial Independence	
Judicial Neutrality	
Sovereignty	
Elective Dictatorship	
Codified constitution	
Uncodified constitution	
Scrutiny	
Parliamentary Government	
Accountability	
Representative democracy	
Direct democracy	
Referendums	
First Past The Post (FPTP)	
Party list system	
Alternative vote	
Pressure group (with example)	
Insider pressure group (with example)	
Outsider pressure group (with example)	
Sectional pressure group (with example)	
Cause/promotional pressure group (with example)	
Lobbying	