



A Level Politics

Summer 2019

Name: _____

Due in first week of September 2019

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.



Task 2

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

Task 3

Gen up on 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	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)	LSE The Conversation Ox Pol Nottingham Thinking Politics Centre on Constitutional Change Politico Guido Fawkes LabourList

	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	Fiction Carry on Brussels Yes Prime Minister State of Play Thick of it	LabourUncut Conservative Home Liberal Voice The Stagers Coffee House Blog Total Politics Political Scrapbook Filibuster UK
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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 _____
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- 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	
Presidential Government	
Parliamentary Government	
Unitary	
Federal	

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	