

A Level Politics at Plymouth High School

Yr11 into Yr12 summer transition task:



Politics is a constantly evolving subject that can change from day to day. Studying Politics requires a need to appreciate and understand these changes and how they fit with the bigger picture of UK Politics and Government. Therefore, to help you prepare for A Level Politics, I would like you to spend a bit of time monitoring news outlets and political websites to examine any big changes that are taking place before you start your studies in September

To do this, I would like you to create a folder/portfolio/diary of key developments – this can be done on paper or electronically and can be just a collection of news stories or articles or just a summary of key changes. Your focus can be on key developments in the UK or can have a broader global focus

The type of areas you should keep an eye on are...

- Political news stories involving the main Political Parties – Conservatives, Labour, Liberal Democrats, Greens and SNP
- Election news (probably unlikely – given the time of year) and opinion polls
- Scandals and controversies involving politicians, political parties or government
- Government policies and key Parliamentary debates – particularly on things such as the Budget, new laws, Scottish Independence, Covid or Brexit
- International news stories – wars and conflict, environment, International agreements etc
- Opinion pieces by political correspondents from places such as the BBC, Guardian (these are both free to access)

This will prove a useful foundation for your studies and will allow you to make reference to these developments when studying the course.