



UK Politics



A Level Preparation



Instructions

Although there is no requirement to have any prior knowledge of the course before you begin, having a basic understanding of the key aspects of UK Politics and Government can help you adapt to the demands of the course more rapidly.

Therefore, the summer task is designed to get you researching some information that will act as important building blocks for the year ahead.

Some of the answers you may already know, some will require a quick Google search and one task will require you to keep an eye on key developments in the news over the next few weeks and months.

Hopefully, it is all self explanatory but it will be important to have this information for the first lesson in September.

Good luck and have a lovely summer



Information Collection

UK Politics

- 1) By what date is the next general election due by?
- 2) When was the last general election and what was the result?
- 3) What is the name of the voting system used in a general election?
- 4) What does MP stand for?
- 5) How many MPs are there in the current Westminster Parliament?
- 6) How many political parties currently have MPs in Parliament and list them?
- 7) Who is your local MP and which party do they represent?
- 8) How many votes did they get in the last election?
- 9) Which party came second in your constituency and how many votes did they get?
- 10) Who is the current Labour leader?
- 11) Who is the current Liberal Democrat leader?
- 12) Who is the current SNP leader?
- 13) Who is the current Green Party leader?
- 14) Who is the current leader of Plaid Cymru?
- 15) Name the two previous leaders of the Labour Party
- 16) Name the two previous leaders of the Liberal Democrats
- 17) What is an opinion poll and what does it tell us?
- 18) On the date of completing this, what do the current polls tell us about the outcome of the next General Election?

CON	LAB	LIB DEM	SNP

19) List as many different elections held in the UK as you can

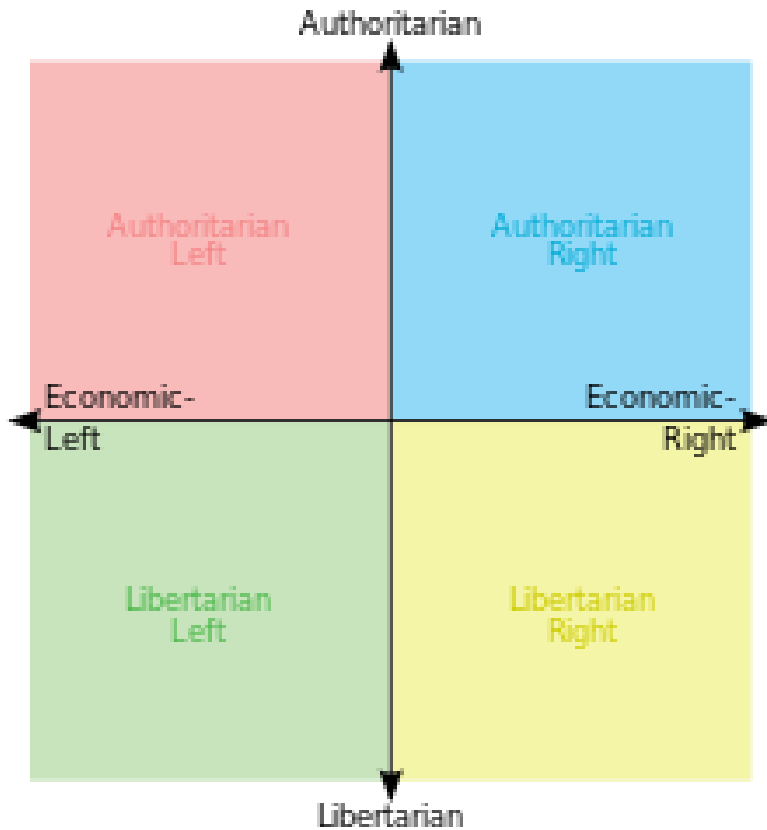
20) Where do you source your news from?

News source	
Broadcast news – TV/Radio	
Print news – newspapers/ Newspaper websites	
Online news – (e.g. BBC)	
Social Media	
Other...	

21) Look out for key developments in politics over the summer – note down any developments in these areas

	Key developments
Cost of Living	
Covid Enquiry	
Climate Crisis	
By-Elections	
Russian-Ukrainian War	
Other	

- 21) Go to the website www.politicalcompass.org/ and take the test – mark down on the graph your result



UK Government

- 1) Who is the current prime minister of the United Kingdom and how long have they been in the job?
- 2) List the five previous prime ministers, which party they represented and why they lost their job?

Prime Minister	Political Party	Length of time in office	Why did they leave?

- 3) Name the current Chancellor of the Exchequer
- 4) Name the current Foreign Secretary
- 5) Name the current Home Secretary
- 6) Name the current Health and Education Secretaries
- 7) List the five priorities set out by the current government
- 8) Name the First Minister of Scotland and how long they have been in their job
- 9) Name the First Minister of Wales and how long they have been in their job
- 10) Name the largest party in the Northern Ireland Assembly
- 11) What is the personal popularity rating of the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition?
- 12) What was the government majority after the last election?
- 13) What is the current size of the government majority?
- 14) What are the names of the two houses in Parliament?
- 15) How many people have seats in the upper house?
- 16) How are they chosen?
- 17) What is the name of the highest court in the UK?
- 18) Give five reasons to explain the current governments popularity/unpopularity?