



THE COOPERS COMPANY AND COBORN SCHOOL

A-LEVEL & Government & Politics



YEAR 12 Summer Transition Unit
EXPLORING UK POLITICS



Key Stage 5 - Government and Politics Learning Journey

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Year 12

How democratic is the UK?

Paper 1: Topic 1: Democracy and Participation

Why do people protest?

Paper 2: Topic 1: The UK Constitution

Do we need further constitutional reform?



Should we have a codified constitution?



How powerful are pressure groups?

Paper 1: Topic 2- Political Parties

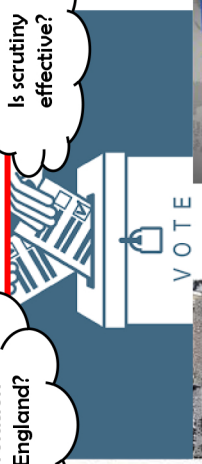
Partisan Dealignment?

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How different are UK parties?

Paper 2: Topic 2: Parliament

Is scrutiny effective?



Do we need devolution for England?



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Who really rules?

Paper 2: Topic 3: The PM and Executive

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Paper 3: Topic 2: Global Governance: Political & Economic

Paper 1: Section 2: Liberalism

How divided are Liberals?

Are people inherently selfish?

Paper 1: Section 2: Conservatism

Paper 3: Topic 3: Global Governance: Human Rights & Environmental

What is the impact of Globalisation?

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Paper 3: Topic 1: The State and Globalisation

Why do we need social contract?



Paper 1: Topic 4: Voting Behaviour

Do we have class/ gender/ race based voting?

What most affects voting behaviour?



How united are Feminists?

Paper 2: Section 2: Feminism

Paper 3: Topic 6: Comparative Theories

What is the Realists' view of global conflict?

Paper 3: Topic 5: Regionalism & The European Union

Is the European Union a model for Regionalism?

Paper 3: Topic 4: Power & Developments

Is the USA still a superpower?

Paper 1: Section 3: Socialism

How far should state control go?

Is Patriarchy oppressive or repressive?

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How influential is the media?

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Should we reform the Westminster system?

Is Nationalism Progressive or Regressive?

EXAMS

Welcome to the A Level Politics course



If you have any further questions while you are enjoying your summer holiday, my email address is:

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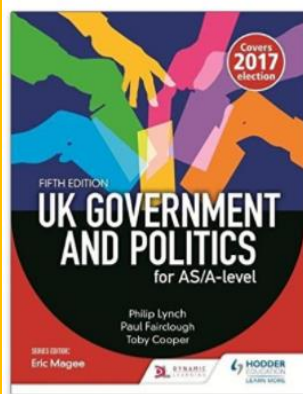
Welcome to the A-Level Politics course here at The Coopers Company & Coborn School. In readiness for your official start in September, you are required to **complete ALL of the activities in this transition pack** for submission in the **first lesson of the new academic year**.

The A-Level in Politics is a fascinating, fun and challenging qualification. It will develop your critical thinking skills and vastly expand your knowledge of politics both in the UK and in the wider world.

As a student you will be expected to do three to five hours per week of independent study at home and during your free periods.

Required Materials

It is a requirement of the course that by September you have purchased the compulsory Year 1 textbook. There are other textbooks available for this course – **it is important that the correct one is purchased. An image has been attached below.** This textbook will cover your work on the course from September until Easter.



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by Philip Lynch (Author), Paul Fairclough (Author), Toby Cooper (Author)

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Politics in the **UK**

This is a detailed and comprehensive assignment that you have been given. **Do not rush it.**

We advise that you complete different parts of the transition pack at different points in the Summer holiday, rather than leaving it all until the final week of your break. **You should expect to spend longer on these tasks than any homework you have completed before.** A Level Politics will be a significant step up from the work you have completed in Year 11.

Task One – People in Politics

Look at the below photographs of British politicians on the opposite page. In your first task, you must:

- identify who they are,
- which party they belonged to and
- whether or not they were **Prime Minister (PM) or Leader of Her Majesty's Opposition (HMO) or neither.**

Fill in the information in the grid provided on page

You may find it useful to get your family involved in this task – your parents will remember many of these faces, and some of them might even be better suited to your grandparents!

Task Two – British Political History

Using the template on page ____ You need to **create a timeline of Political History for the UK.** On your timeline you should include a number of features such as the **dates of major political events in UK and when the major political parties were founded:**

The signing of the **Magna Carta**, the **opening of the House of Commons**, the **introduction of the Bill of Rights**, the **Act of Union**, Representation of the **People Acts and European Communities Act**. All of these **-and more-** are the events you should research and include. This will be the **focus of the first topic we will study next year.**

Your case study will be on the: **work of the suffragists/suffragettes to extend the franchise.**

Task Three – Parties & Issues

Your final task this summer is to investigate the three largest British political parties and consider what constitutes the forming of a political party.

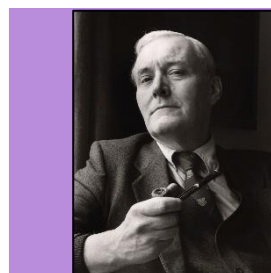
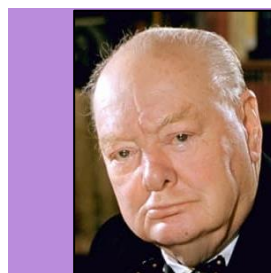
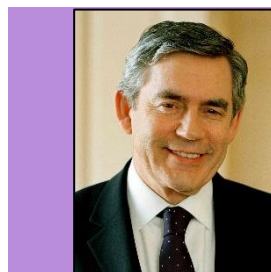
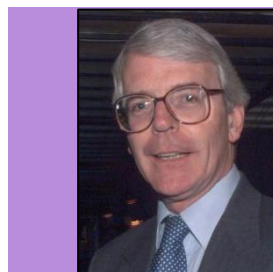
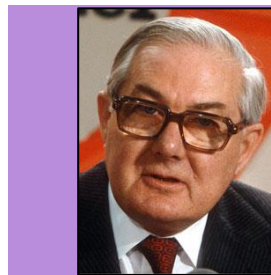
- Research the Conservative, Labour and Liberal Democrat parties. What do each of them stand for? Exam their manifestos and write a short summary each party's viewpoint on:**
 - The Economy
 - Law and Order
 - Welfare
 - Foreign Affairs
 - Education
 - Immigration
- After you have done this, it is time to start using your imagination to create your OWN political party which will stand at the next general election.**

Introduce the **party's name**, and **explain what the party stands for.** Then **state the three key policies your party will introduce if they are elected** and explain ***why*** you would introduce them. You should aim to write **approximately 500 words in total.**

In deciding your policies, you will want to **consider the same key areas of areas of government that you examined for the established parties above.**

Task One – People in Politics

Identify all the “Honourable Members” in this rogue’s gallery. **Remember** to follow the instructions carefully about the information you need to provide for each politician.



Who's Who? - Record your answers below.

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Task Two – British Political History: A Timeline

Start by explaining **Magna Carta** and move forwards from there!

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Magna Carta



Task Three – Parties & Issues

Research the ideologies and policies of the three main parties following the instruction given

What are the  views on:
Conservatives

- The Economy
- Law and Order
- Welfare
- Foreign Affairs
- Education
- Immigration

Task Three – Parties & Issues

What are the  Party's views on:

- The Economy
- Law and Order
- Welfare
- Foreign Affairs
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- Immigration

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- The Economy
- Law and Order
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- Immigration

Task Three – Your Own Party

Explain your concept for a new party below

What is the name of your new party?

- The Economy
- Law and Order
- Welfare
- Foreign Affairs
- Education
- Immigration

Briefly explain what your party stands for.

What will be your three Key election promise policies?

1.

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3.

Please **explain why you would introduce these policies.**

How would they **benefit the British people?**

Continue on this page if necessary.