

Expectations

Attend all lessons and be punctual

Complete all work set in lesson

Complete all homework on time – *We will be setting regular reading homework with guided note-taking, that will give you the knowledge you need for the lesson that homework has been set for. There will sometimes be additional homework on top of this.*

Follow politics news – *You will be expected to follow ongoing political developments in the UK and, for Year 13, globally. This will allow you to see how the things we are learning about continue to function, and provide up-to-date examples to use in your exams.*

Always try your best.

Reading

Textbooks:

We will not require you to have your own textbooks, but it is still strongly recommended.

At the start of Year 12, you will want *Pearson Edexcel UK Government and Politics for A-level*.

Towards the end of Year 12, you will want *Pearson Edexcel Political ideas for A-Level: Liberalism, Socialism, Conservatism, Feminism, Anarchism* (it is important not to get the other Political Ideas textbook).

For Year 13, you will want *Pearson Edexcel Global Politics for A-Level*.

Alternatively, this textbook contains all three of the above textbooks:

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Pearson-Edexcel-Level-Politics-2nd/dp/1398369152>

Also recommended is the official revision guide, *Pearson Edexcel AS/A Level Politics Revision Guide & Workbook*.

Also, additional reading to enhance your understanding:

British Politics: A Very Short Introduction, by Tony Wright (the 2020 version) - *Tony Wright was both a politics lecturer and an influential backbench MP, and this is an excellent overview of how the British political system currently functions.*

Summer work

To prepare for the start of the year, we would like you to create a fact file on each of the current major parties in the UK: **Labour, the Conservatives, the Liberal Democrats, Reform UK, the Green Party**, and the **SNP**. This should include:

1. Who is their leader?
2. How many seats in the House of Commons do they currently have?
3. What percentage of the vote did they win in the previous election?
4. When were they founded?
5. What are their main political beliefs?
6. Which demographics (groups of people) tend to vote for this party?