**Year 11 Taster Day 2023 – Politics**

**What will the course look like?**

**Ideologies**

* Liberalism
* Conservatism
* Socialism
* Feminism

**UK Politics**

* The Constitution
* Parliament
* PM and executive
* Relations between the branches

**UK Politics**

* Democracy and political participation
* Political Parties
* Electoral Systems
* Voting behaviour and the media

**Comparative Politics: Global**

* Power and development
* Regionalism and the EU
* Global governance: human rights and environmental

**Comparative Politics: Global**

* The state and globalisation
* Global governance: political and economic
* Comparative theories

**How will you be assessed?**

3 separate papers with equal weighting, each lasting for two hours

* Paper 1: UK Politics with core ideologies
* Paper 2: UK Government with non-core ideology
* Paper 3: Comparative Politics – Global

**Preparation for September:**

1. **Get organised: Purchase a ring binder folder and a set of file dividers to organise Y12 content. There are 8 areas to be covered in Y12 so you will need one for each of these (please see above). Download the BBC News app and set up notifications.**
2. **Read through the Edexcel Politics Specification (Y12 content only) here:** <https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/A%20Level/Politics/2017/Specification%20and%20sample%20assessments/A-level-Politics-Specification.pdf>
3. **Read through the How Parliament works booklet to develop your understanding of political processes – ensuring you are taking notes throughout – please see the section below.**

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| Democracy  |  |
| Elections and Voting  |  |
| Referendums  |  |
| The UK Constitution |  |
| The House of Commons |  |
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| Committees |  |
| Legislation  |  |
| Political Parties |  |
| Campaigning |  |

1. **Then complete debate tables on the following topics – this should be from information in the booklet as well as your own research.**

**Should First Past the Post be replaced with Proportional Representation?**

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| **Advantages of First Past the Post** | **Advantages of Proportional Representation** |
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**Should the UK hold more referendums?**

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| **Advantages of First Past the Post** | **Advantages of Proportional Representation** |
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**Should the House of Lords be reformed or abolished?**

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| **Advantages of unelected House of Lords** | **Disadvantages to unelected House of Lords** |
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**Optional reading list:**

******Excellent podcasts:**