

A-Level Politics

Transition work is designed to give you a flavour of what A level Politics is about. It will introduce you to some core political concepts and events, to aid your understanding of politics ready for sixth form. Complete the tasks in the spaces provided – by hand or in Microsoft Word.

You are required to **bring your completed booklet to the second week of lessons in September.**

Task One: What is Politics?

Politics is about power, about people, equality, war, conflict, debate, cooperation, freedom, money, etc. – it's about the relationship between the state and its citizens, or the state and other states. It governs almost everything we can and will do in our lives.

Research what the following key terms mean and write a brief definition for each.

Term	Explanation
Power	
Authority	
Legitimacy	
Government	
The Executive (branch of govt.)	

Prime minister	
Cabinet	
The Legislature (branch of govt.)	
Parliament	
House of Commons	
House of Lords	
UK Supreme Court	
Rule of Law	
Devolution	
Brexit	

Task Two: British Politics

Go to these links for the UK's three major parties:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/election-2019-50524262>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/election-2019-50501411>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/election-2019-50459123>

These links summarise their key manifesto policies in the 2019 general election. Choose 1 policy from each manifesto and explain below why you support OR do not support that policy.

Party: **THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY**



Manifesto policy:

Agree/disagree & why:

Party: **THE LABOUR PARTY**

Manifesto policy:

Agree/disagree & why:



Party: **THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATS**

Manifesto policy:

Agree/disagree & why:

