

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 answers 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 |
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| Power | |
| Authority | |
| Legitimacy | |
| Government | |
| The Executive (branch of govt.) | |

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

Task Two: The 2024 UK General Election

Do some research and answer the following questions.

1. What is the name of the Constituency in which you live?
2. Who became MP for your Constituency in the 2024 election?
3. How many more votes did they get than the person who came second?
4. Nationally, what was the % turnout of voters?
5. Was the turnout the same, higher or lower than in the 2019 election?
6. Complete the table of national results from the 2024 election.

| Party | Number of seats won | Is this up or down on the 2019 election (e.g. -39 seats) | Percentage of the national vote | How many votes did they receive nationally? |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|--|--|--|
| Conservative | | | | |
| Labour | | | | |
| Liberal Democrats | | | | |
| Reform | | | | |
| Scottish National Party | | | | |