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| **Politics** |

We are asking all students to complete some Independent Preparatory Work over the summer, before they join Year 12 in September. You will need to bring this work to lessons as the content will be assessed through introductory assessments which will be completed within the few first weeks of the new term.

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| **Tasks** |
| In preparation for your Politics course in September we would like you to get a real feel for Politics in the UK. These are some tasks which will give you an introduction to Politics in Britain. Remember you have never studied the topic before, so it is important that you do as many tasks as you can!  **Knowledge Tasks**  **Task 1 – Read through the ‘Democracy’ sheet and answer these questions:**   1. What are the 3 parts of democracy? 2. What does each of these mean? 3. Why is Democracy so important?   **Task 2 – Read through the ‘Constitution’ sheet and answer these questions:**   1. What are the functions of a Constitution? 2. What is the difference between a Codified and an uncodified constitution?   **Task 3 – Read through the ‘What is Government?’ sheet and answer these questions:**   1. What is legitimacy and how can it be gained? 2. What is the source of all political power in the UK? 3. What is sovereignty and what are the differences between legal, political and popular sovereignty? 4. What is the difference between the state and the Government? 5. What are the three branches of Government and what are their roles?   **Task 4 – Political news stories**  Over the summer use some of the sources of information below to keep up to date about politics in the UK. **We’d like you to find out about 5 stories in the news**. For each story fill in a table like this:   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Headline of the story | Summary of the story (main facts) | Where did you get this information from? | EXTENSION: What does this suggest about politics in 2024? | |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  |   **Extension task:**  1 Go to this website and take the quiz to see where you are on the Political Spectrum.  <https://www.politicalcompass.org/> - you could also find out which party is closest to you on the political spectrum.  2 Read or watch one of the books from the Reading List attached at the back of this sheet |