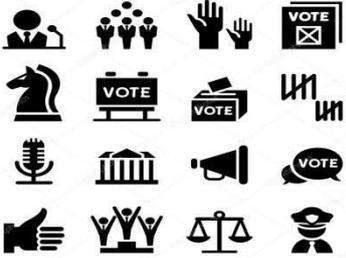
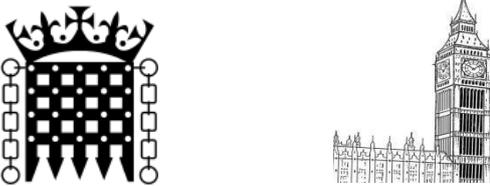
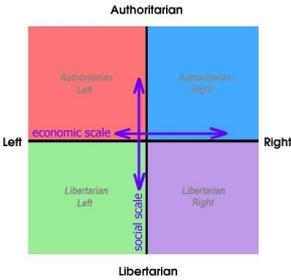
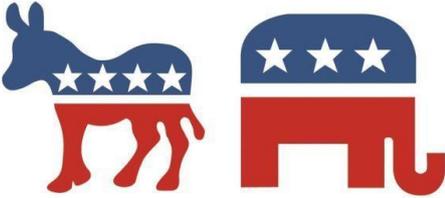


Brighouse High Sixth Form College A-Level Politics Induction



Politics impacts all aspects of life and goes a long way to shape the world we live in. The exercise of power by the state over an individual is a fascinating subject to study. How much power do we really have over our lives? When should the state intervene? Who really pulls the strings in government? How democratic are we? What are the ideas that lie behind politics? How do we compare with the USA?

Here are some of the topics you will be covering:

Topic	More detail...
<p>UK Politics</p> 	<p>Democracy and participation Political parties Electoral Systems Voting behaviour and the media</p>
<p>UK Government</p> 	<p>The UK Constitution Parliament Prime Minister and the Executive Relations between the institutions</p>
<p>Political Ideas</p> 	<p>Liberalism Conservatism Socialism Anarchism Nationalism Ecologism Feminism Multiculturalism</p>
<p>The Politics of the USA</p> 	<p>US Constitution and Federalism Congress US Presidency Supreme Court and Civil Rights Democracy and participation in the US Comparative approaches</p>

If you want to investigate further, take a look at the Edexcel exam board website:

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/politics-2017.html>

Summer Tasks

1. Prepare a summary of the main results of the 2019 general election.

You may want to focus on:

Why was the election called in the first place?

Percentage vote share of each party,

Turnout,

Seats won in parliament for each party,

Changes in from last election

The voting behaviour of various groups (by age, gender, income, ethnicity etc.)

Main issues in the election

Graphs and charts are very useful for this.

You can research both national results and local results for your own constituency.

2. Design a poster that shows the basics of how the UK system of Government works

An Overview of The British Political System Things

that need to be included:

Make-up of The Government (PM and Cabinet) ,

Makeup of Parliament (House of Commons, House of Lords),

Different levels of Government

Regional: Scottish Parliament, Welsh Assembly, Northern Ireland Assembly

Local: Councils (concentrate on your local council)

Which electoral systems are used for each system? Who currently controls them?

Results of Recent Referendums. You could use pictures, diagrams and charts

Research Tips:

Use quality media esp. The Times, The Guardian, The Telegraph, The BBC, The Independent.

Most of these sites have sections devoted to political issues and discussions of important aspects of the 2019 general election.

You can also use Parliament's website <https://www.parliament.uk> , or the regional government's website or polling organisations such as <https://yougov.co.uk>

Bonus task: do the same for the last (2021) local council elections, devolved assemblies (Scottish parliament, Welsh Assembly and NI Assembly) & West Yorkshire Mayor