

Introductory tasks for Politics students

Welcome to the Politics Department! Over the next two years Mr Beaton and myself will enjoy helping you to develop your understanding of political processes, institutions and ideas within the UK, USA and wider world. Our aim is to help you to develop your political literacy, inquisitiveness and foster a deep interest in the subject for you to carry into your adult life.

To help prepare for this there are some tasks that you can do:

1. Understanding Contemporary UK Politics. Please research any 'Manifesto' pledges made in the 2024 Election. (A manifesto is the plan that each party promises to implement should they be elected).

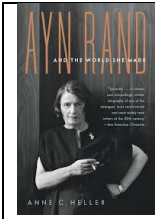
Party	Manifesto Pledge	Which groups is the pledge aimed at?
 Conservative		
 Labour		
 Lib Dem		
 Green		
 Reform		

As well as looking at structures of Politics we also look at 'Political Debates.' One such debate is about how 'fair' our election system is. In the UK we have a 'first past the post system.' Your next task is to research this system. As with any debates there are arguments on both sides and based on your research I would like you to suggest the following:

One reason that the 'First past the post' electoral system is viewed as fair.	'One reason that the 'First past the post' electoral system is viewed as unfair.

For your last challenge I have taken one key Thinker from the first three sections of the Political Ideas Unit. I would like you to do a little research about each of them and see if you can answer the knowledge question attached to them (very briefly).

 <p>What did John Locke (Liberal) believe about 'Rights?'</p>	
 <p>What did Karl Marx (Socialist) believe about 'revolution?'</p>	



Did Ayn Rand
(Conservative)
believe that the
state should
support people?

Please note all of these tasks are designed to give you a taste of our areas of study, if you 'struggle' with any of these challenges then please DO NOT WORRY. As a department we do not expect strong political knowledge in September; all we ask is that you are enthusiastic about the prospect of learning! Aside from these tasks please do take an interest in news and current affairs (use a range of sources). Enjoy your summer and we look forward to seeing you in Year 12.