



## Pre-entry Preparation, Requirements and Recommendations

Welcome to A-Level Politics at Comberton Sixth Form.

### Preparation

For September, please ensure that you complete the transition work pack.

In addition, using the attached textbook pages and your own research, we would like you to produce a poster about how each of these documents contributed to the UK constitution:

- Magna Carta (1215)
- Bill of Rights (1689)
- Act of Settlement (1701)
- Acts of Union (1707)
- Parliament Acts (1911 and 1949)
- The European Communities Act (1972)

We would then like you to use this information to explain how the power and importance of the UK parliament has changed up until the late 20th century.

### Requirements

ensure that you have the following equipment with you for your first lesson:

- Level arch file/notebook/exercise book/folder, etc. for your note-taking and work in lessons
- Hole punch (if necessary)
- Pens, pencils, highlighters, glue and scissors

In our experience, students prefer to purchase their own copies of the textbook so that they are able to label and highlight key information and sources. The book will be used for the whole 2 years of the course and it combines all three parts: the UK, ideologies, and the USA. Students will have access to the textbook through the library throughout the year if it is not possible for them to have their own copies. **Students will have the opportunity to purchase the book at a discounted price, date and pricing to follow.**

**Textbook:** Pearson Edexcel A-Level Politics, Sarra Jenkins, John Jefferies, David Tuck

Additionally, you should aim to use various websites/newspapers to keep up to date with the following:

- UK Parliament and elections
- Court decisions in the UK
- Current events relating to the UK

#### **Useful websites:**

<http://tutor2u.net/blog/index.php/politics/>

#### **Useful podcasts / programmes:**

The News Quiz

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/politics/>

<http://www.number10.gov.uk/>

<http://www.parliament.uk/>

BBC Radio 4: Today in Parliament  
BBC Radio 4: Today in Westminster  
Prime Minister's Question Time  
Talking Politics

There are multiple podcasts about UK Politics – these are easily accessed through downloadable podcast apps on mobile phones, or from various websites. I highly recommend that you find one you like, subscribe, and listen weekly!

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