

A Level Politics Year 11 Bridging Work

*"This isn't quite the same
as being Mayor of London,
is it?"*



Hello!

I am very excited to welcome you to Politics at Wales High School, and I hope you will enjoy the course.

In order to do so you will need to be prepared to work hard and have an interest in what is going on around you.

Here are some tasks to do in your own time before we have our first lesson in September. I look forward to meeting you then

Mr Bull

Politics in the UK

Politics is a subject which cannot be unplugged from news and current affairs. Twitter is used by journalists, politicians and politicians alike to share news and information as well as discuss political issues

Task One – News Diary

1. Create a twitter account
2. Follow **@high_wales** (The Wales High Politics twitter account) and **tweet me to say you have done so.**



3. Record at **least 5 stories** that happen before September that are linked to British politics. Bring them to your first lesson in September.
4. Also **pick 3 articles** on politics you can download from the school, or other reliable political source on twitter. Read them, make notes on their key points and come to school prepared to explain why you chose them.

Please do consider this as just an account for school and research. There is no need to put anything about yourself on it, or post at all and you can use your school email.

As well as **@high_wales** you might want to follow these accounts:

@Alex_Stafford (probably your MP)

@essential_politics (an examiner from your board – EdExcel)

@PoliticsReview1 (Politics review-a useful magazine, we will use)

@ElectionMapsUK (does what it says on the tin)

@Britainelects (for news and updates on all things electoral in the UK)

@BBCNews / **@SkyNews** (or any news station of your choice – preferably more than one!)

@bbcquestiontime (the UK's most-watched political talk-show: BBC Question Time)

@BorisJohnson (Prime Minister)

@POTUS (the president of the United States of America)

@DExEUgov (The Department for Exiting the European Union)

As always, be aware of what the background of these people are, and that what one source says is not always true or the whole story

Task Two – Parties and Issues

You should quickly research the Conservative, Labour, Liberal Democrat and Green parties. What do they stand for? You may already know this!

Then, use the internet and your imagination to create your own political party which will stand at the next election. You should include:

- The party's name,
- Some points as to what the party stands for
- **Three key policies** your party will introduce if they are elected
- **Why** you would introduce them.

These policies will cost money - will people have to pay more tax or would you make savings elsewhere? You have to **justify** your decisions. Some topics to consider might be:

Health
Crime
Housing
Education

Climate change

Immigration

There are plenty more to choose from!

Task Three – People in Politics

Finally, look below at the photographs of British politicians. You must identify:

- A. Who they are
- B. Which party they belong to
- C. What their job was (most will have been Prime Minister or Leader of the Opposition.)

Get your family involved in this task – your parents will remember many of these faces, and some of them might be better suited even to your grandparents!

I look forward to seeing you all very soon

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