

III Government and Politics Summer Work

We hope that you are looking forward to the summer break and to starting A-levels in September.

The Government and Politics A-level is a great course, full of interest and challenge. The main areas of focus are UK and US Government and Politics.

The best thing you can do over the summer to prepare for the course is to start to follow current affairs closely, especially with regard to the UK and the US.

Anything that arises that links to different areas of government should be of interest.

E.g.

UK:

Parliament, the Prime Minister, Cabinet, the role of the opposition parties, issues around Brexit.

USA:

The roles of President, Congress, the Supreme Court; the state of the US economy.

You are very welcome to research any of these areas in general terms.

Also, building up a collection of news items on anything related would certainly be a useful summer activity.

Over the summer, collect articles on the US Supreme Court, its decision in the Colorado baker case and expected decision (Hawaii v. Trump) on the Muslim travel ban; issues and debates affecting the November mid-term elections and any evidence of scrutiny and challenges to presidential power by the Congress or Supreme Court.

The BBC website is a reasonable starting point but for ambitious students the best course of action is to start to read some high quality news articles from publications such as the Guardian, the Times, or the Economist.