

Politics - Head Start Activities



A-LEVEL POLITICS

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Specification
For teaching from September 2017 onwards
For A-level exams in 2019 onwards

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Dear Students,

Welcome to your Head Start Activities for **Politics**. Transitioning to Sixth Form is an exciting step and at Norbury High School for Girls, we are here to help you start strong. This Head Start booklet is designed to support your move into NHSG Sixth Form, giving you the chance to explore your chosen subjects, prepare for future success, and begin shaping your next chapter with confidence.

We look forward to working with you from September

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Course details:

- Title: Politics
- Level: A-Level
- Board: AQA
- [Website](#)
- NHSG Course information linked [here](#)

In these activities and ideas you will find not only opportunities to stretch your thinking but also to help you discover what you are passionate about, both inside and beyond the classroom

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Listen to podcasts and talks, by subject experts and inspiring female leaders.

- The News Agents with Emily Maitlis is an excellent podcast, available on all streaming platforms, to keep you up-to-date with goings in politics day to day!
- <https://www.youtube.com/@thenewsagents>.
- **Listen** to the brilliant podcast by David Runciman, the History of Ideas, to broaden and deepen your knowledge of the evolution of political philosophy. Of particular relevance to the course are the episodes on *Hobbes on Power*, *Wollstonecraft on Sexual Politics*, *Marx and Engels on Revolution*, *Hayek on the Market* (<https://www.talkingpoliticspodcast.com/history-of-ideas-1>), and
- *Rousseau on Inequality*, and *Luxemburg on Revolution* (<https://www.talkingpoliticspodcast.com/history-of-ideas-series-two>)

Watch documentaries, interviews, or mini-lectures linked to your subjects to deepen your understanding.

- A watch-list for critiquing contemporary ideas and understanding the history of ideas is linked here:
https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1ZH6eKfUGHHNC2EnuZ8nWmwmpWAo_xdaHNK0ZwRuNDzs/edit?slide=id.p#slide=id.p
- “Blair & Brown - the New Labour Revolution” is an excellent documentary to get you up to speed with political life in modern Britain. It’s by the BBC and is free to watch on YouTube. Episode 1 is a good place to start. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N2kkdQeJxY8>
- We’d recommend looking at UK politics and US politics since Thatcher and Reagan too in general.

Read articles, essays, or books that challenge your thinking and expand your subject knowledge.

- The website Tutor2U has lots of excellent resources that are a good, simple and clear starting point for key ideas and concepts.
<https://www.tutor2u.net/politics/collections/uk-politics-study-notes-for-a-level-politics>

Visit local exhibitions, galleries, or workplaces that connect with your studies and open your eyes to future possibilities.

- Arrange a visit to Parliament, it’s free! <https://www.parliament.uk/visiting/>

Go beyond the essentials, to explore big questions and wider issues. What are the big challenges facing your subject?

- It’s definitely worth researching big contemporary events in politics like Brexit, Covid, the rise of Reform and far right nationalism, Trump & MAGA and more.