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Politics

The following is a list of activities you may like to do during your summer holidays, in preparation for studying A Level Politics.

It is important to make yourself aware of the workings of the political institutions that govern the UK, as well as the major political issues being discussed right now.

General Political News

You should regularly look at the following:

Broadsheet Newspapers: Times, Independent, Telegraph, Guardian etc

The best politics website with updated detail and video clips of the important news stories of the day is:

The BBC Politics Website: www.bbc.co.uk/news/politics

For a chance to see debates from all of the UK's political institutions both live and recorded (Prime Minister's Question Time (PMQs) is particularly recommended) check out:

BBC Politics Live: www.bbc.co.uk/news/politics

Other websites include:

Guardian Politics Website: www.guardian.co.uk/politics

Politics.co.uk: www.politics.co.uk

TV Programmes

You can gain a lot of knowledge and appreciation for what goes on in Politics by watching some of the following programmes on television:

Sunday Politics	BBC1 Sunday 12.00 noon
Channel 4 News	Channel 4 Daily 7.00pm
Newsnight	BBC2 Daily 10:30pm
Question Time	BBC1 Thursday 10:35pm



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Specific Institution Guides

The following are quick and simple guides to some of the core institutions in Government & Politics. It would be a good idea to familiarise yourself with them.

How Parliament Works

www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-17827461

Guide to the House of Commons

http://news.bbc.co.uk/democracylive/hi/guides/newsid_8144000/8144100.stm

Guide to the House of Lords

http://news.bbc.co.uk/democracylive/hi/guides/newsid_8101000/8101373.stm

Guide to the Scottish Parliament

http://news.bbc.co.uk/democracylive/hi/guides/newsid_8136000/8136663.stm

Guide to the Welsh Assembly

http://news.bbc.co.uk/democracylive/hi/guides/newsid_8052000/8052008.stm

Guide to the European Parliament

http://news.bbc.co.uk/democracylive/hi/guides/newsid_8119000/8119605.stm

