



Lawnswood School Humanities Department

Politics A Level – Government and Politics of the UK

Exam Board AQA

Textbooks and Resources:

AQA A-level Politics: Government and Politics of the UK, Government and Politics of the USA and Comparative Politics

by Simon Lemieux, Rowena Hammal, Paul Fairclough, Anthony J Bennett.

Political ideas for A Level: Liberalism, Conservatism, Socialism, Nationalism, Multiculturalism, Ecologism

By Richard Kelly and Neill McNaughton

My Revision Notes: AQA AS/A-level Politics: UK Politics

by Rowena Hammal), Simon Lemieux

My Revision Notes: AQA A-level Politics: US and Comparative Politics

by Rowena Hammal), Simon Lemieux

AQA recommended reading list link:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/resources/government-and-politics/as-and-a-level/government-and-politics/a-level/teach/resource-list>

Websites:

<https://studyrocket.co.uk/revision/a-level-politics-aqa>



The summer of 2022 is an exciting time in British Politics.

Think about:

- What has Boris Johnson achieved during his time as Prime Minister?
- What legacy has he left behind?

Read this news article

<https://theconversation.com/scruffy-boris-johnsons-man-of-the-people-look-is-part-of-a-long-british-tradition-168773>

- Do you agree?
- Read the news about the Conservative Leadership Race – perhaps even watch some of the debates.
- Who has presented themselves well and deserved to win? (in your opinion)
- What are your thoughts around the way a leadership race is run?
- Is it fair for a new leader to take over as PM without winning a general election? Why/Why not?

US Politics Summer Bridging Work

It has been a dynamic couple of election cycles in the USA. In this mini summer project, you will have the opportunity to explore the previous two elections (2016 and 2020)

The 2016 election of Donald Trump

The election of Donald Trump in 2016 shocked the world, but he had (and still has) extensive wide-spread support around the USA.

[Trump's Entire Campaign in 10 Minutes!](#)



<https://www.politico.com/news/magazine/2021/01/18/trump-presidency-administration-biggest-impact-policy-analysis-451479>

Above are the links to an election campaign summary as well as an article about Trumps policies. Please use these to consider the following points

- Who do you think Trump may have appealed to most in American society?
- What policies of Trumps do you think are the most 'controversial'?
- Why do you think Trump appealed to America more than Hilary Clinton? (this will require some research around what Clinton promised in her election campaign)

The 2020 election of Joe Biden

[Joe Biden: six key policies from his 2020 presidential campaign](#)



Watching the above video, consider the below points:

- What are Biden's election promises?
- How much do you think Biden's election success was the result of the presidency of Trump 2016-2020 and Trump's actions in office?
- How is Biden doing in office so far? Use Biden's approval rating to consider this point <https://graphics.reuters.com/USA-BIDEN/POLL/nmopagnqapa/>

If you have any questions about the course before we start, please email: shauna.beaumont@elawnswood.co.uk – Miss Beaumont

We look forward to seeing you in September!