

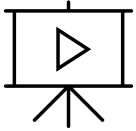


A level summer transition work

Subject: **Politics A level**

Exam board: **Edexcel**

Expectation is you will complete at least one task from each category and come to your first lesson in September prepared to discuss this work. You must bring your 'Independent learning log' and any completed work in September.

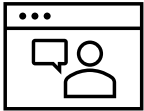


Video Clips

This video (which we started in our Induction) is about a key theme that is very relevant to this A level course. In your 'independent learning log' note down any questions the clip raises.

[Big Ideas that Shaped the World - Democracy Tony Benn](#) YouTube

TV programmes, films, and documentaries



These programmes will get you thinking even more deeply about this A level course. In your 'independent learning log' write down anything you will explore further following your viewing

13th available on Netflix. (Content warning – death, racism, racial slurs, violence)

Reversing Roe available on Netflix

[Knock Down the House](#) YouTube (also available on Netflix)

[Once Upon a Time in Northern Ireland](#) BBC iPlayer (content warning – death and violence) watch as many episodes that are of interest to you – the final episode is particularly relevant to the course

[Thatcher - A very British revolution](#) – BBC iPlayer - watch whichever episode(s) interest you – the first one is particularly useful



Radio programmes and podcast

These programmes are great ways to get you thinking about your A level. Pick some to listen to over the summer.

[The A Level Politics Show podcast](#) Spotify

[The News Agents](#) Spotify



Books

These books are excellent introductions to A level. Write a small summary or review of the book or sections of the book you have read.

Reni Eddo-Lodge *Why I am no longer talking to White people about Race*. 2017

David Goodhart, *The Road to Somewhere: The New Tribes Shaping British Politics*, 2017.

Jon Soper, *If Only They Didn't Speak English: Notes from Trump's America*, 2018.

bell hooks *Feminism Is for Everybody: Passionate Politics* 2000



Questions to discuss

These are questions you could discuss with family and friends over the summer. Try to write a summary of your discussion and the different viewpoints that emerged.

What is 'healthy' about the UK's democracy? PLEASE COMPLETE THIS IN WRITING - COMPULSORY

What problems exist (structurally or otherwise) is the UK's system? PLEASE COMPLETE THIS IN WRITING - COMPULSORY

Is healthcare a right or a privilege (and what would conservatives, liberals and socialists potentially have to say about this?)

Is there true 'racial' equality in the USA? Or in the UK?

Is our voting system for MPs in the House of Commons (First past the Post) still fit for purpose?



Independent learning log

Use the table below to keep a record of your preparation work. Bring this to your first lesson back in September.

Date completed	Title	Type of task	Questions/resources you produced (summer notes, book review etc)