

Politics (AQA A Level)

Getting Ready for Government and Politics

The best way to prepare for an A level in Politics is to follow the news as much as you can. You should be reading the news daily and make sure you get your news from a variety of perspectives, but from reputable outlets. This is to ensure that you get accurate reporting but are reading a range of views that might be different from your own political opinions. We would recommend that you all read the Guardian for a left/liberal perspective and the either the Times or the Telegraph for a right/conservative point of view. Please AVOID site like the Canary or Breitbart as much of the information on the sites is literally fake news.



You can also follow our Twitter feed @swchs_politics where we retweet and post information and stories that are relevant to the specification. We will also try to put up information about other books that we are reading that we think you might enjoy.



You might also find podcasts and books written for audiences who are interested in politics but not specialists in them to be useful.

We would recommend reading the following:

- 1) Anthony King, Who Governs Britain?
- 2) Emily Maitlis, Airhead
- 3) Jon Sopel, If only they spoke English (this is great on American Politics)

A superb podcast to listen to is

<https://www.talkingpoliticspodcast.com/> which is run by the head of the History and Politics joint degree at Cambridge University. It is brilliant anyway, but has a specific section on political ideas <https://www.talkingpoliticspodcast.com/history-of-ideas> which is great for politics but also for if you are planning on doing Philosophy.



Happy Reading and Listening

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