

Fullbrook 6 Preparing for A-levels

Subject: **Government and Politics**

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There are **no mandatory textbooks** for Government and Politics, however you may find it helpful to have your own copies of:

- Pearson Edexcel A Level UK Government and Politics Sixth Edition (**ISBN:9781398311332**)
- Pearson REVISE Edexcel AS/A Level Politics Revision Guide & Workbook (**ISBN: 9781292221564**)

Summer fun – useful resources:

Books:

- *Politics on the Edge* by Rory Stewart
- *The Right to Rule* by Ben Riley-Smith
- *Out of the Blue: The Story of Liz Truss* by Harry Cole and James Heale
- *How America Works and Why it Doesn't* by William Cooper
- *The Life of an MP* by Jess Phillips
- *Natives* by Akala

Mrs Strowger's favourite

Websites:

- <https://www.politicshome.com/>
- <https://www.politico.eu/uk/> and <https://www.politico.com/>
- <https://thehill.com/>
- <https://www.newstatesman.com/>
- <https://www.thepoliticsproject.org.uk/>
- <https://www.parliament.uk/>
- Party Websites: <https://labour.org.uk/>, <https://www.conservatives.com/>, <https://www.libdems.org.uk/>, <https://www.snp.org/>, <https://democrats.org/>, <https://gop.com/>

The lead up to the elections will mean there's a lot of actions on these websites this summer!

These books explore aspects of UK and US politics, from specific leadership to general ways of running. When reading these, take note on:

1. What operational aspects of politics do they detail?
2. What are the successes and failures of their focus?
3. Do they fairly support the rights of the people they are meant to serve?

Podcasts:

- The Rest is Politics
- Politics Weekly
- Oh God, What Now?
- Americast
- Pod Save The UK and Pod Save America
- NPR Politics Podcast
- Talking Politics

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Hosted by Rory Stewart and Alastair Campbell – will be at Polecon this year which we will be attending.

Listening to podcasts can help you understand more challenging aspects of politics because of the expert voices. As you listen, take notes on their opinions of the political points they discuss – this is evaluation and is a key skill at A level. Do you agree with their opinions?

Enjoy!

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