







## A Level Politics Gateway Resource

Some ideas to get you thinking about Politics over the summer. These resources have been chosen as we think they will work as a good introduction to the subject and spark your interest in the course ready for September.

<p><b>Somewhere to go:</b></p>  <p>A good way to begin understanding politics is to understand the history and culture of a country. Museums are excellent places to visit to understand the history and culture of a place, so wherever you're based this summer have a look at places you can visit. In Sheffield, some good museums are: <a href="http://www.simt.co.uk/kelham-island-museum">http://www.simt.co.uk/kelham-island-museum</a> <a href="https://www.museums-sheffield.org.uk/museums/weston-park/home">https://www.museums-sheffield.org.uk/museums/weston-park/home</a></p>	<p><b>Something to read:</b></p>  <p>One of the best resources are news websites. These give updated and relevant information about what is happening in politics across the world, as well as political commentary on events. Below are links to different news providers, each from slightly different perspectives – see which you get on with best and download their app. <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/news">https://www.bbc.co.uk/news</a> <a href="https://www.theguardian.com/international">https://www.theguardian.com/international</a> <a href="https://www.independent.co.uk/">https://www.independent.co.uk/</a> <a href="https://www.thetimes.co.uk/">https://www.thetimes.co.uk/</a> <a href="https://www.telegraph.co.uk/">https://www.telegraph.co.uk/</a></p>	<p><b>Something to watch:</b></p>  <p>An excellent introduction to UK Politics is <b>Question Time</b> on BBC. The show consists of a panel of politicians, authors and advisors from a range of parties who answer questions from ordinary people in the audience. <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b006t1q9/question-time">https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b006t1q9/question-time</a></p> <p>You may also be interested in PMQ's. The Prime Minister is asked questions from MPs – it is a good introduction to how Parliament works and current events. <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b006nldz/prime-ministers-questions">https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b006nldz/prime-ministers-questions</a></p>
<p><b>Something to listen to:</b></p>  <p>Here is a list of the 'best political podcasts' to listen to compiled by TimeOut magazine. There are a range of topics as well as perspectives, so have a browse and see what interests you most: <a href="https://www.timeout.com/things-to-do/best-political-podcasts">https://www.timeout.com/things-to-do/best-political-podcasts</a></p>	<p><b>Something creative:</b></p>  <p>You could create your own ideal political party – what would your policies be regarding trade? The economy? Diplomatic relations? The welfare state? Create a short manifesto explaining the aims of your party.</p>	<p><b>Something to research:</b></p>  <p>We look into the success of UK pressure groups, many of whom have been dominating headlines recently. Have a look into the different pressure groups around at the moment, as well as their aims, their methods of protest and their criticisms of the current government. You could start with <i>Just Stop Oil</i>, <i>Extinction Rebellion</i>, or <i>Republic</i>.</p>