

Transition Pack

A Level Government and Politics



Summer 2023

Name: _____

Deadline for completion will be the **SECOND LESSON BACK**. Check your timetable!

Task 1: in your own words explain the meaning of the following key terms

| Term | Explanation |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| Power | |
| Citizenship | |
| Participation | |
| Representation | |
| Apathy | |
| Civil Liberties | |
| Authority | |
| Legitimacy | |
| Democracy | |
| Mandate | |
| Manifesto | |
| Constitution | |
| Separation of powers | |

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| Representative democracy | |
| Direct democracy | |
| Referendum | |
| Sovereignty | |
| Pressure group | |
| Codified constitution | |
| Uncodified constitution | |
| Scrutiny | |
| Lobbying | |
| Vote of no confidence | |
| Parliament | |
| Government | |
| Backbencher | |
| Frontbencher | |

Task 2: Watch the news over the summer holiday. Summarise on the line below political events/news that takes place.

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____

Task 3: Find out which government ministers are in the following roles AND what the role involves:

| ROLE | MINISTER CURRENTLY IN POST | ROLE OF THE POSITION |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| PM | | |
| Home Secretary | | |
| Chancellor of the Exchequer | | |
| Foreign Secretary | | |
| Defence Secretary | | |
| Health Secretary | | |
| Education Secretary | | |

What is meant by Shadow secretary?

Task 4: Name the leaders of the following parties:

1. Conservative party leader =
2. Labour party leader =
3. Liberal Democrat leader =
4. Scottish National Party Leader =
5. Plaid Cymru Party Leader =
6. Democratic Unionist Party =

Task 5: You MUST know examples to support your knowledge in politics. Find out some information about the following:

1. In the 2016 EU referendum, Leave gained% of votes compared to Remain's%.
2. In the 2019 general election the Conservatives won% of seats with% of the votes.
3. In the 2017 general election the Liberal Democrats gained% of seats with% of the votes.
4. Turnout in the 2017 general election (at%) was the highest in years. 2019 turnout was.....
5. The Tories won the 2015 election with.....% of the national vote. This is bad because.....

