

Transition Pack

A Level Government and Politics



Summer 2024

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	

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.....
6. In the 2024 election, voter turnout was%
7. In the 2024 election the parties won the following seats and % of the national vote:
 - Conservative won seats and% of vote
 - Labour won seats and% of vote
 - Liberal Democrats won seats and% of vote
 - Green Party won seats and% of vote
 - Reform UK won seats and% of vote
 - SNP won seats and% of vote
 - Plaid Cymru seats and% of vote
8. The winning party in 2024 won because of the following factors:
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