

## GOVERNMENT & POLITICS Students

The Politics Department runs a credit system for summer work – you need to gain at least 50 credits for each unit – *Unit 1 People and Politics* and *Unit 2 Governing the UK (100 in total)*. The tasks cover a wide range of options and you will hopefully be able to find something that covers your interests in current affairs and the media. **All work needs to be submitted by the end of the second week of the Autumn Term.**

Unit 1 - 25 credits	Unit 1 - 50 credits
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create a presentation on one of the main political parties in the UK. What are their beliefs, policies, leaders etc.</li> <li>• Read “A Journey” by Tony Blair and write a 250 word review.</li> <li>• Research one pressure group such as Greenpeace / Hacked Off / Fathers for Justice / Amnesty International and summarise their background and policies.</li> <li>• Track the process of the Labour leadership election: who are the candidates / what are their arguments / etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collect newspaper articles <b>each week</b> that relate and evidence the topics from the course. Unit 1: Democracy and Participation, Party Policies and Ideas, Elections, Pressure Groups.</li> <li>• Watch the film <i>The Iron Lady</i> by Phyllida Lloyd starring Meryl Streep and write a 500 word review.</li> <li>• Create a 500 word report on the 2015 election: you should cover the key election results / which politicians lost their seats / why was the SNP so important / why did the Liberal Democrats collapse?</li> </ul>

Unit 2 - 25 credits	Unit 2 - 50 credits
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visit a court (you can pop into the public gallery) and write a 250 word report on what it was like.</li> <li>• Go to <a href="http://www.politics.co.uk/">http://www.politics.co.uk/</a> and keep a weekly diary of the main UK political issues each week.</li> <li>• Watch Question Time and write a 250 word review of the issues discussed.</li> <li>• Listen to the Weekly News Quiz on BBC Radio 4 - can be found on iPlayer - each week.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collect newspaper articles <b>each week</b> that relate and evidence the topics from Unit 2: Constitution, Prime Minister, Parliament or the Judiciary. Write your own opinion of each issue.</li> <li>• Read <i>The Downing Street Years</i> by Margaret Thatcher and write a 500 word review.</li> <li>• Watch the film <i>Taking Liberties</i> on YouTube and write a 500 word review.</li> <li>• Write to your MP about an issue that you feel is important to you. Bring the letter and the response, if you get one, to your first lesson in September.</li> </ul>