



Urmston Grammar Sixth Form – Transition Work

Politics Department

A Level Politics Transition Work

Task 1

The first task is to follow the news organisations below on social media. You should then read a selection of articles regularly to enhance your knowledge and understanding. Some have paywalls but most have some articles available for free.

BBC, Channel 4 News, Sky News, The Guardian, The Independent, The Times, Byline Times, Unherd, New Statesman, The Spectator, The London Economic, Salon, New York Times.

There are also a range of podcasts available. I would recommend subscribing to at least two of the following and listening to them regularly:

New Statesman, Political Thinking, The News Agents, The News Quiz (Radio 4), Spectator – Coffee House Shots, The Rest is Politics, and the Guardian does a Politics Weekly UK and US edition plus Today in Focus.

Task 2

The main task is to research the key terms below. Define the key term, provide supporting detail or examples, and briefly summarise a recent (last few years) incident/reference to the term in the news. You should then present your research in the format of a table (also shown below).

Key Term	Definition	Additional detail (Supporting detail, examples)	Recent example in the news

Key terms: Parliamentary Sovereignty, Direct Democracy, Representative Democracy, Referendum, Think Tank, Pressure Group, Opinion Polls, First Past the Post, Proportional Representation, Coalition Government, House of Commons, House of Lords, Civil Servants, Devolution, UK Supreme Court, Conservative Party, Labour Party, Liberal Democrats.

You will find plenty of helpful information on the following websites as well as the websites for the news outlets mentioned in Task 1:

Tutor2u.net/politics
britpolitics.co.uk
electoral-reform.org.uk