

Year 11 into Year 12: A LEVEL POLITICS TRANSITION WORK

Congratulations on choosing what is a unique A Level subject in that every day something is happening that can be linked to the topics you will study as part of the A Level Politics course which covers UK Politics, UK Government, Political Ideologies and Global Politics.

Your task – **deadline Friday 12th September** – is to produce a two-sided answer to the question:

‘Giving 16 - 17 year olds the right to vote will considerably benefit democracy in the United Kingdom’. To what extent do you agree with this view?



Your starting point will be to read the background information on the Government's proposals which were announced on 17th July.

- You should demonstrate what you understand by democracy in the UK (try to find out where and when elections take place).
- You should consider the advantages and disadvantages of 16-17 year olds having the vote.
- You can write a list of questions to organise your thoughts, for example:
 - * Are 16-17 year olds informed about political issues?
 - * What issues are 16-17 year olds concerned about?
 - * Where do 16-17 year olds get their information from?
 - * Does their level of education matter?
- You should aim to write 2-4 pages.

The purpose of the task is to get you thinking about UK Politics and the system of government in the UK. There is no wrong or right answer but you must present a two-sided answer to the question. You will get written feedback with lots of questions for you to answer, rather than a mark, to set you on your journey to understanding and success in studying A Level Politics.

Further information:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/16-year-olds-to-be-given-right-to-vote-through-seismic-government-election-reforms>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6YaNzrbX9gs> (Channel 4 News Report)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/live/c93kkg37n3kt>

When doing your own research always think critically about your sources of information.