



## SUMMER BRIDGING WORK 2023

Summer Bridging Work is an important part of your transition to Wilberforce Sixth Form College. This piece of work will count towards your effort grade. Please complete your summer bridging work in time for the start of term.

**You are required to bring evidence in paper format and hand this into your subject teacher during your first lesson.**

### Politics

**OVERVIEW OF SUBJECT:** Lively, relevant, controversial... there are many ways to describe A Level Politics. There's no denying that it's one of the most interesting and engaging qualifications you can choose. Covering news and current affairs from the UK and US, it helps you understand how the UK country is run and develops research, written communication and debate skills.

**ENTRY CRITERIA** You will need an average GCSE score of 5.3 and you must have a grade 4 in English

#### LITERACY TASKS

- 1. Political Parties in the UK** Research the Manifesto's from the 2019 general election for the Conservative Party, the Labour Party and one of the following:
  - Liberal Democrats
  - Green Party
  - SNP
  - Brexit Party (renamed Reform UK in 2021)

Write a report summarising the key policies mentioned in the manifesto for each party. Identify and explain where there are differences in policies in related areas e.g. crime and health policies. Aim to write at least 500 words

- 2. Current Affairs:** Over the course of studying A-Level Politics there will undoubtedly be a number of current affairs and news stories about British Politics. Find at least four Political News Stories that break over the summer and write a summary of each one.

#### PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

Below we have listed four careers linked to politics. You are tasked to research the four careers, choose one that most appeals to you and write a 200-word essay as to why you feel this career would be most suited to you.

Politician  
Journalist  
Lawyer  
Policy Officer

Kind regards  
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**Faculty Head for Humanities and Social Sciences**

If you have any queries regarding your Summer Bridging Work, please contact me via email [cej@wilberforce.ac.uk](mailto:cej@wilberforce.ac.uk) I will aim to respond before your enrolment appointment.

