

Thinking about Year 12 Politics? Reading Ideas...

There isn't an easy set of reading suggestions, as Government and Politics changes rapidly and things become out of date straight away. If you want an overview of all of the topics we cover, the Edexcel textbook from 2019 is an excellent overview of the knowledge you need: **"Pearson Edexcel A Level Politics", edited by Sarra Jenkins, John Jeffries and David Tuck.**

It is more important though to stay up to date with politics. If you are on twitter, follow **@TaptonGovPol**, where links to relevant articles are regularly tweeted.

Below are some of my recommendations for ways to keep up to date with politics:

Websites	Podcasts	Email updates
<p>News apps – BBC, Sky and Guardian all have excellent free news apps.</p> <p>Broadsheet newspapers are all worth reading regularly - Times, Telegraph, Guardian, Independent, New York Times (some have paywalls). There are also good news websites from political magazines, like the New Statesman, the Spectator, the Atlantic and Foreign Affairs.</p> <p>There are some other good news websites, like Buzzfeed, Huffington Post or Slate.</p> <p>All of these are also available in print form.</p>	<p>New Statesman Politics</p> <p>Times Red Box</p> <p>Inside Briefing</p> <p>Talking Politics</p> <p>The Edition (Spectator Radio)</p> <p>Radio Atlantic</p> <p>Worst Year Ever</p> <p>Can He Do That?</p> <p>Guardian Politics</p> <p>CityMetric</p> <p>Pod Save America</p> <p>SlowBurn</p> <p>Throughline</p> <p>Political Thinking</p> <p>American Election: Wicked Game</p> <p>Today in Focus</p> <p>Reasons to be Cheerful</p>	<p>There are a number of places where you can sign up to email newsletters – these are an excellent way of following the news. They will give you a summary of the key news, along with links to some of the best writing that day. My personal favourites are:</p> <p>Morning Call by the New Statesman</p> <p>Evening Blend by the Spectator</p> <p>On Politics by the New York Times</p> <p>Atlantic Daily by the Atlantic</p> <p>Red Box by the Times</p> <p>Inews Daily by the I</p>

If you want to really go above and beyond, here are a few suggested titles to read around different areas of politics we study or may interest you:

UK Politics:

The Prime Ministers: Reflections on Leadership from Wilson to May – Steve Richards

The Making of Modern Britain – Andrew Marr

All Out Way: The Full Story of Brexit – Tim Shipman

The Road to Somewhere – David Goodhart

US Politics:

American Caesars – Nigel Hamilton

The People's History of the United States – Howard Zinn

The Nine: Inside the Secret World of the Supreme Court – Jeffrey Toobin

Political Ideas:

The Communist Manifesto – Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels

Reflections on the Revolution in France – Edmund Burke

On Liberty – J S Mill

World Politics:

State of Africa – Martin Meredith

Prisoners of Geography – Tim Marshall

Guns, Germs and Steel – Jared Diamond

Modern China: A Very Short Introduction – Rana Mitter

TV and Film Recommendations:

The West Wing

Madam Secretary

Designated Survivor

Yes Minister/Yes Prime Minister

The Thick of It

In the Loop

House of Cards

Last Week Tonight with John Oliver

Have I Got News for You

The Mash Report

Scandal

All the President's Men