

What does

Independent Learning in Politics

look like?



After Every Lesson

- 1 File all your notes and handouts, ensuring they are organised into the correct unit and topic area.
- 2 Make sure your core notes are completed as well as any related activities.
- 3 Highlight your notes, identifying new keywords, terms and significant factors. Review your notes and add “post-its” next to anything that you don’t understand so that you can ask next lesson.
- 4 Read the relevant sections in your textbook. Add anything extra or interesting to the notes acquired in class.

Weekly

- Complete all directed study.
- Organise your notes in chronological order. Make sure your notes are separated into topics by file dividers.
- Record any assessments which you do on your assessment tracker – reflect on your progress and identify areas which you need to work on.
- Read articles about Politics & our course – from journals, books, magazines and websites.
- Make notes and highlight topics you do not understand.
- Check the relevant information with the textbook / revision guide. If still stuck, make a note to check with the teacher

Fortnightly

Read articles and news stories to gain a deeper understanding and keep up with current events and thinking in the subject. Create & use revision materials such as flashcards and knowledge organisers to prepare for future examinations

Half-Termly

Access the super curricular resources (see links below) such as wider reading and research. Make sure you go back to previous topics & refresh your knowledge and understanding. Do past paper questions under timed conditions and bring to your teacher for feedback or work with a small group and peer assess.

Resources

- [AQA Politics homepage](#)
- [Pre-Chewed Politics](#)
- [Politics Review online journal](#) – aimed at A-level students. Available via [HGS Library Resources](#).
- Explore [Beyond A-level resources](#) in Politics.
- University super-curricular lists, such as [this one](#) from the University of Cambridge.
- [Politics podcasts](#)