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# A Level Politics

## Year 11 Bridging Work

14<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> June 2021

- 1) Begin your Political diary. The diary should feature a UK Political news story and an International one for the next TWO and then two more stories every fortnight. See below
- 2) Watch the short video on the House of Commons <https://learning.parliament.uk/resources/what-is-the-house-of-commons-video/> and answer the following questions:
  - a) When was the first Parliament? .....
  - b) Which House is now the more powerful today? .....
  - c) How are the Members of the House of Commons chosen? .....  
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  - d) Who can't stand to be a MP? .....
  - e) List the four things that the House of Commons does  
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  - f) Name three ways the Parliament holds the government to account  
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3) Research some of the following key concepts

Concept	Say what it means	
Legislative		<p>What is the legislaive in UK called?</p> <p>What is the legislative in USA called?</p>
Executive		<p>Who is the head of the executive in the UK?</p> <p>Who is the head of the executive in the USA?</p>
Judiciary		<p>Who or what is head of Judiciary in UK and USA?</p>
Cabinet		<p>Who appoints the cabinet in the UK?</p> <p>Who appoints the cabinet in USA?</p>
Devolution		<p>Which are the devolved Parliaments and assemblies in the UK?</p>
Federalism		<p>Name three countries which have a federalist government.</p>

- 4) Use the UK Parliament Glossary <https://www.parliament.uk/site-information/glossary/> or another source to find out what the following are in the UK parliament A - Z:

Concept	What it is	Another question
Aye and No lobbies		
By-election		Who won Aug 2019 by-election in Brecon & Radnorshire
Coalition Governemnt		When was the last UK coalition gov and between whom?
Crossbencher		Name three cross benchers in the House of Lords.
Divolved and reserved measures		
Erskine May		
Frontbench		Name three frontbench Conservative MPs
Green paper		
Hereditary Peers		How many hereditary peers now are there in House of Lords
Lords Spiritual		How many Lords Spiritual are there in the House of Lords
Manifesto		
Opposition Days		

Concept	What it is	Another question
Private member bills		
Public bills		
Queen's speech		
Royal assent		
Short Money		
Speaker		Who are the current speakers in the Commons and the Lords? Commons  Lords
The 1922 Committee		When was it set up?
Urgent Questions		
White Papers		Give a recent example of a white paper
Whips		Who is the conservative chief whip?

## Political Diary

Over the summer holidays

I would like you to keep a weekly political diary over the summer pointing out the key political events both within the UK and Internationally.

### Within the UK

The major political story over the summer will continue to be about Covi – 19 and the government's response. How will the opposition succeed in highlighting any problems and how popular will be the government's response. Look out for

- Any action by Boris Johnson and his cabinet
- Developments within parties
- Any pressure group activities (strikes, demonstrations etc.)
- Any developments in Brexit discussions with the EU
- Any key votes in the Houses of Commons or Lords (although Parliament will be on holiday much of the summer)

### International

The major international stories to look out for will focus on international reaction to Covid-19. Look to see whether countries are co-operating or not in response to the virus. Also look out for developments in USA – China relations, Syria and how Joe Biden is doing in USA. Any stories about international organisations such as G7, NATO, EU and UN could be significant. International issues to watch out for could be on climate change, human rights, new conflicts or action of poverty.

### Weekly diary of political events

The diary should be presented in a table (as below) with short bullet points. You can cover as many stories as you like each week but I would like to see at least one UK political story and one international one for each week of the summer.

Thanks

Week	UK Political news	International Political news
14 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> June		
21 <sup>st</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> June		
28 <sup>th</sup> June – 4 <sup>th</sup> July		
5 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> July		
12 <sup>th</sup> July – 25 <sup>th</sup> July		
26 <sup>th</sup> July – 8 <sup>th</sup> August		
9 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> August		
23 <sup>rd</sup> - 29 <sup>th</sup> August		
30 <sup>th</sup> August – 5 <sup>th</sup> September		