**Preparing to study Government and Politics at A-Level**

1. Buy a lever arch folder and set of dividers. Prepare your folder by labelling the dividers as below:
   * 1 - Democracy & Participation
   * 1 – Electoral Systems and Referendums
   * 1 – Political parties
   * 1 – Voting behaviour and the media
   * 2 - The constitution
   * 2 – Parliament
   * 2 – PM and executive
   * 2 – Relationship between branches
2. Read ‘Studying politics: A beginner’s guide’ and file it at the front of your folder
3. Create a twitter account (if you do not already have one) and follow @KTSPolitics. Don’t forget to say hello! You should also follow the major political parties and some politicians/political journalists.
4. Continue (or begin!) reading a quality newspaper on a regular basis, either in print or online, and cut out or print out stories which you find particularly interesting
5. Create a timeline of post-war (from 1945) British politics. This should include:
   * General elections
   * Changes of prime minister
   * Which party/parties is in government and their initial majority in the House of Commons
   * UK wide and national/regional referendums
   * Major events, such as Queen Elizabeth II coronation and the Good Friday Agreement
6. What was the post-war consensus? Be creative in how you present your answer to this. Could you make a thirty second video, design an infographic or even make a model?
7. You would also benefit from the following:
   * Read ‘A Very Short Introduction to British Politics’ by Tony Wright which is published by Oxford University Press.
   * Read ‘A Very Short Introduction to the European Union’ by Simon Usherwood and John Pinder which is also published by Oxford University Press.
   * Watch ‘Andrew Marr's History of Modern Britain’ – unfortunately this is not currently available on BBC iPlayer or YouTube, but can be ordered from Amazon for £10.99 as part of ‘The Andrew Marr Collection: History Of Modern Britain’.
   * Alternatively, you may want to read Andrew Marr’s book ‘The History of Modern Britain’ which was written to accompany the series. A new edition was published in 2017, ten years after the original, and includes a new chapter charting the period of time between Blair leaving office and the Brexit referendum.