



## **Government & Politics**

### Applicant Study Pack

Introduction	The topics we discover are varied and wide ranging from: UK politics examining political parties and their ideology, how the government works? What makes a good leader and then studying the US or Global. A good level of English is required as the exam is comprised of extended essays.
Task 1	<p>You need to create an A3 or A4 Political History timeline for the UK. On your timeline you should include a number of features such as (but not necessarily ONLY these – and for an A grade extension, include the dates at which major UK political parties were founded):</p> <p>The signing of the Magna Carta, the opening of the House of Commons, the introduction of the Bill of Rights, the Act of Union, Representation of the People Acts and European Communities Act. This will be the focus of the first topic we will study next year.</p>
Task 2	<p>To start, you should quickly research the Conservative, Labour and Liberal Democrat parties. What do they stand for? Then, use the internet, textbooks and your imagination to create your own political party which will stand at the next election. You should include the party’s name, some points as to what the party stands for and three key policies your party will introduce if they are elected including <b>why</b> you would introduce them. These policies will cost money - will people have to pay more tax or would you make savings elsewhere? You have to <b>justify</b> your decisions. Some topics to consider might be:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <b>Health</b>  <b>Crime</b>  <b>The European Union</b>  <b>Housing</b>  <b>Education</b> </p>
Further reading / links	<p><a href="#">Stitcher – A-level politics podcast</a>  <a href="#">Beyond Westminster</a>  <a href="#">BBC politics podcasts</a>  <a href="#">The Westminster Hour</a>  <a href="#">Politics.co.uk podcasts</a></p>
Call to action	<p>Visit our website – <a href="http://www.clarendon.ac.uk">www.clarendon.ac.uk</a> for more information</p> <p>Attend our New Students Day</p> <p>Join us for enrolment in August. Letters will be sent to all applicants at the end of July with more details.</p>