**Government and Politics: Year 12 transition work**

Your Year 12 course will cover 2 units which focus on British politics. To introduce you to British politics, we would like you to carry out the following research, this should take you no more than 2-3 hours.

**Task 1 – Use the videos to answer these questions:**

1. **What is the difference between Parliament and Government?**

<http://www.parliament.uk/education/teaching-resources-lesson-plans/parliament-and-government-video/>

1. **How is a law made? (Explain all the stages that allow a law to become enacted)**

<http://www.parliament.uk/education/teaching-resources-lesson-plans/from-bill-to-law/>

1. **What functions does the Houses of Parliament carry out?**

<http://www.parliament.uk/education/teaching-resources-lesson-plans/an-introduction-to-parliament-ks3-5-video/>

1. **What is the difference between the House of Commons and the House of Lords?**

<http://www.parliament.uk/education/teaching-resources-lesson-plans/what-is-the-house-of-commons-/>

<http://www.parliament.uk/education/teaching-resources-lesson-plans/house-of-lords-how/>

**Task 2 – Define these terms:**

Prime Minister

Government

Cabinet

House of Commons

House of Lords

Political Party

Executive

Legislature

Sovereignty

**Task 3**

Go to this website and take the quiz to see where you are on the Political Spectrum.

<https://www.politicalcompass.org/> - you could also find out which party is closest to you on the political spectrum.

**Extension task**

Read the article titled *‘How to be an outstanding AS politics student’* and try to come back in September having done 1 action from each of the stages suggested in the article.