

Little Heath School Sixth Form

Year 12 Induction Evening for Parents 2016

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| Government and Politics |

Welcome to the department

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Mr Taylor is teaching Unit 1 and Ms Vignali teaching unit 2. Students receive 8 hours of Politics per fortnight split into 4 hours for Unit 1 and 4 hours for Unit 2.

Both units count for 50% of the AS grade. Both units are tested through one 1 hour 20 minutes exam which consist of short response and longer essay style questions.

Key to success at A Level

Organisation of notes and course materials given in lessons is key. Attendance at all lessons and participating fully in lessons will help you achieve as you will deepen your understanding of the course. Generally there is one hour of homework per week per unit set as the minimum. Students should be reading over class notes as well as trying to read as widely around the subject as possible. Regularly watching the news as well as reading a newspaper will be invaluable as the more up to date examples students can deploy in their exams the more credit they will receive from the examiners.

What parents can do to help

Encourage students to ensure that all notes are up to date and that if any lessons or pieces of homework are missed, then these are caught up immediately. Discuss political events with their child and encourage them to keep up to date with current affairs. Encourage students to use <https://sites.google.com/site/lhspolitics/> which has links to news websites as well as links to sites with relevant examples for each topic being taught.

Important deadlines

AS Examinations:

Unit 1 – Monday 5th June (am)

Unit 2 – Thursday 8th June (pm)