**Pre-Year 12 Politics**

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| **Week** | **Task** |
| 1 | Personal and mainstream political views:   1. Go to https://www.politicalcompass.org/test to discover your personal political position. Print-out your results for future reference. 2. Use party manifestos from 2019 election to summarise what each party’s views were. e.g. Conservatives campaigned to complete Brexit; no tax increases; etc.  * EXTENSION: Have a go at plotting where the major parties (Conservatives; Labour; Liberal Democrats; The Green Party; Brexit Party; and UKIP) fall on a left/right spectrum by using their 2019 manifestos. Include a short explanation explaining why you placed each party in that position. * H/W: Create a presentation (maximum of 3 slides/pages) for the rest of the group on a particular party. Choose between The Conservative Party, The Labour Party, The Liberal Democrat Party, The Green Party, The Brexit Party, or UKIP. |
| 2 | The History of Parliament   1. Read page 4-5 in the booklet. 2. Watch the YouTube video on the History of Parliament: <https://youtu.be/lRLRhDB-HxE> 3. Create your own timeline to illustrate the ‘Journey to Democracy’. You may only choose 5 events from the 12 on offer on pages 4-5. 4. Finally, you must explain why you chose those specific 5 from the 12 for your timeline ‘Journey to Democracy’. e.g. *“I chose the Magna Carta because it was the first legal document that limited the power of the monarch and guaranteed Parliament specific powers. This began our journey in England from a monarchy to a democracy.”* |
| 3 | Democracy   1. Read page 6-7 in the booklet. 2. Write a definition for the following words:    * Democracy    * Representative democracy    * Direct Democracy    * Politics    * Dictatorship    * Suffrage    * Franchise 3. Watch ‘Democracy? You Decide’: <https://youtu.be/LX1Ul0oX9DY> 4. Answer the following question:    * What would the UK be like if we didn’t live in a democracy?    * What are the strengths and weaknesses of the UK system of democracy?    * What other options are there and where are they in place right now? |
| 4 | The Constitution   1. Read page 8-9 in the booklet. 2. Write a definition of the following words:    * Constitution    * Uncodified constitution    * Codified constitution    * Parliamentary sovereignty    * Devolution    * The Human Rights Act    * The European Union    * The UK Supreme Court 3. **EXTENSION**: Which words link together and how? For example, parliamentary sovereignty and the European Union link together because parliamentary sovereignty (the power to create, change or end any law) is challenged by the sovereignty of the European Union. Parliament has ‘lost’ its sovereignty in some specific areas such as trade. |
| 5 | The constitution: The EU   1. Read page 10-11 in the booklet. 2. Visit <http://europa.eu/> 3. Use your research to answer the following question:    * In what areas can the EU make laws that the UK has to follow?    * What happened if there is conflict between EU law and UK law?    * Provide an example of where EU and UK law has conflicted – what was the outcome? 4. Make a list of the pros and cons of the UK being a member of the EU. 5. **EXTENSION**: Study the results of the EU referendum on the 23rd June – what was the outcome? Why do you think this side won? |