POLITICS

EXPECTATIONS	Remind yourself of the subject expectations and the syllabus by watching the Subject Video on the school website: https://sixthform.fulford.york.sch.uk/curriculum-offer/
PURCHASE	'Pearson Edexcel A Level Politics 2nd edition: UK Government and Politics, Political Ideas and US Government and Politics', David Tuck, Sarra Jenkins, John Jefferies ISBN: 9781398369160
REVIEW	Make sure you have up to date knowledge on the current Prime Minister and Cabinet. Watch, read or listen to the news over the summer and try to start to pay attention to how things are done in Parliament, by government and even in the Supreme Court if it's in the headlines. Also look out for pressure groups disrupting daily life to get their points across.
READ	The News! The BBC News website is a good place to start. Delve into newspapers if you have them at home or you can get some of them online for free. Political magazines like 'The Week', 'New Statesman', 'Spectator, or the 'Economist' have some really good articles. It doesn't matter where you choose to get your news from but it is a good idea to try to get both left and right leaning perspectives, so for example the 'Guardian' is very left wing and the 'Telegraph' is very right wing.
WATCH/LISTEN	"The rest is politics" Podcast – this will help you to become familiar with the issues that are important in politics at the moment and you do get the dual perspective of Rory Stewart (Former Conservative MP and Minister) and Alistair Campbell (formerly chief advisor to Tony Blair). It is still a bit left of centre but Rory Stewart often tries to give the other side of every story. Another good political podcast is "Today in Focus" but again this is left-wing as it's produced by the Guardian. "Chopper's Politics" is produced by the Telegraph and takes a more right-wing approach.
COMPLETE	 "Journalistic writing is the writing style news organizations use to assemble a story. A news story has a hierarchy of information, beginning with the main points at the top of the piece. News articles follow a specific set of guiding principles, like the Associated Press style (also known as AP style), for grammar and vocabulary. While newspapers and television were, until recently, the primary outlets for reporting current events and human interest stories, journalists now write for a variety of online media outlets and podcasts." TASK : Write about 1000 words reviewing the news from over the summer. You can choose whatever format you like from a podcast, an online summary such as you would find on the BBC or writing like a newspaper journalist. You can pick out anything from the 6 weeks that stands out as being Nationally or Internationally important. You could also pick out funny or heart-warming stories. You will be sharing your news summary in the first politics lessons in September so bring it with you on the first day back!