

Politics Resources for Schools

Resources for students

Key stage	Resource
	Additional Reading
KS5	An Introduction to Political Philosophy – Jonathan Wolff
KS5	Developments in British (French, German, East European etc.) Politics – up to date insights into political developments in a number of countries published by Macmillan
KS5	What is Politics – Adrian Leftwich
KS5	Very Short Introductions to different aspects of Politics published by OUP
KS5	Staircase 12 books and resources recommended by Oxford University undergraduates
	Websites
KS5	National Archives - Official national paper and digital archive of the UK government, and for England and Wales.
KS4-5	Politics home - News resource providing comprehensive monitoring and reporting on UK politics.
KS5	Institute for Government think tank providing independent research and analysis
KS5	Gov.uk - Central portal to government information, including Government departments, agencies and statistics.
KS5	Parliament information about the different aspects of parliament

KS4-5	History of Parliament Online
KS5	Political Studies Association magazines, articles and other resources
KS5	The Council of Europe - Organisation promoting co-operation between member European states to protect human rights, democracy and the rule of law.
KS5	Archive of European Integration - Online archive for research sources on European integration, including historic EU official documents.
KS3-5	UK Youth Parliament for 11-18 year olds
KS4-5	United Nations website contains information about Model United Nations projects
KS4-5	United Nations Research Guide - Research guides to material and online resources on international law and human rights, from the UN's Dag Hammarskjöld Library.
KS4-5	Amnesty International - The world's leading human rights organisation, campaigning against injustice and inequality everywhere.
KS4-5	Logical Fallacy website to help you identify flaws in arguments and thinking used by politicians and the media
KS3-5	Khan Academy Politics – A whole host of resources around politics and International Relations.
KS5	Oxford University Politics Research
KS5	Oxford University Politics Blog
KS5	Justice Everywhere - political philosophy blog
KS5	Open Learning – From the Department of Politics, Philosophy at Lancaster University this event seeks to revitalise Politics/International Relations by bringing together at Lancaster the finest new political minds (16 -17year olds) to build towards the future of UK Politics. The resources, videos and lectures are accessible for free.
	Radio/Podcasts/Videos/MOOCs
KS5	BBC Sounds programmes about politics including Today in Parliament, The Week in Westminster , The Westminster Hour
KS4-5	BBC sounds, Americast – a great podcast covering the breadth of US Politics.

KS5	In Our Time BBC Radio Programme exploring wide range of subjects with academic experts
KS5	Political Thinking with Nick Robinson – interviews with British politicians
KS5	Oxford University politics and international relations podcasts
KS5	Cambridge University Talking politics podcasts
KS5	More Perfect podcasts about American Politics
KS5	Presidential Podcasts
KS5	Geopolitics Podcasts
KS5	Social Science Bites podcasts
KS5	The Guardian Long Reads podcasts on topical issues
KS5	Flash Forward podcasts which consider possible scenarios in the future
KS5	99% Invisible podcasts about the thought that goes into things we don't think about
KS5	TED Talks short 20 minute talks on topical issues
KS4-5	BBC News coverage of political events
KS4-5	BBC TV programmes politics programmes such as Question Time, Politics Live, A Week in Parliament, Daily Politics, This Week, The Politics Show, Newsnight and Panorama BBC iplayer documentaries
KS4-5	Channel 4 TV programmes such as Dispatches, Unreported World, The Andrew Marr Show
KS4-5	ITV programmes such as Peston, Tonight and Exposure
KS5	Oxford University video about politicians and climate change
KS5	Balliol College, Politics video - Dr Sudhir Hazareesingh (CUF Lecturer in Politics and Tutorial Fellow in Politics) answers questions about preparing for tutorials, how he explores ideas with students and what he enjoys about conversations with them.

KS4	BBC Bitesize – Video asking How does the political system work in the UK?
KS4-5	Democracy live - BBC video coverage, live and recorded, of Westminster and regional assembly activities.
KS5	Online Seminar on Parliamentary Scrutiny - Dr Mark Bennister (University of Lincoln) focusses on who is accountable and who scrutinises, taking an in depth look at the role of PMQs and the Liaison Committee. Baroness Nicky Morgan shares her experience on taking ministerial questions and how 'scrutiny' differs in the House of Lords in comparison to the Commons.
KS5	Institute for Government Lectures and live events
KS5	PolyMatter – world politics videos
KS5	The School of Life - Political Theory videos and articles
KS5	Gresham College Public Politics Lecture
KS5	Cambridge University Streaming Service a variety of lectures, podcasts and talks
KS5	Recorded Lecture on Liberalism – Nottingham Trent University 2019.
KS5	Aberystwyth University - talk on Conservatism
KS5	Recording of Politics and Climate Change Webinar – from Aberystwyth University.
KS5	Aberystwyth University - talk on Liberalism
KS5	Aberystwyth University - talk on Socialism and Communism
KS5	Aberystwyth University - talk on Sovereignty
KS5	Aberystwyth University - talk on the Political Parties of the United States
KS5	EdX Courses free online courses
KS5	Coursera online courses
KS5	Ivy League Universities free online courses
KS5	Harvard University online courses

KS5	Yale University online courses
KS5	Crash Course online courses in various subjects such as government
	Magazines and Journals
KS5	Political Insight - Political Insight is a must for anyone with an interest in politics. This quarterly magazine features accessible expert analysis, cutting edge political science research and authoritative commentary on the latest political developments.
KS4-5	Parliament Magazine.eu - News and commentary on contemporary EU issues and developments.
KS5	The Economist
KS5	Politics UK
KS5	The New Statesman
KS5	Political Studies Review – a unique intellectual space for rigorous high-quality peer reviewed original research across political science and the study of politics in related fields that aims at stimulating wide-ranging debate and cutting edge discussion of current disputes and issues in the discipline within the UK and internationally.
KS5	British Journal of Politics and International Relations - an international journal that publishes innovative, cutting edge contemporary scholarship on international relations, comparative politics, public policy, political theory and (especially) politics and policy in the United Kingdom. It is the world's premier journal for research into British politics.
	Competitions
KS5	Financial Times Schools competition: Is British politics broken? - School students across the UK are invited to write a blog on British politics, in a competition run jointly by the Political Studies Association and the Financial Times.
KS5	The R.A. Butler Prize - essays in Politics and International Studies is a competition that can be entered by students in Year 12 or the Lower 6th. Candidates are invited to submit an essay on a topic to be chosen from a list of general questions announced in March each year, and to be submitted in August.
KS5	LSE Political Review essay competition for sixth form students
	Events
KS4-5	Public Speaking Competitions and mock bar trials

Resources for teachers

Resource	Notes
US Politics workshop	A workshop that has information, questions and is a great guide for teaching Contemporary Issues in US Politics.
Workshop on Brexit	A workshop that has information, questions and is a great guide for teaching Britain, Brexit and Sovereignty.
Politics Outreach from Lancaster University	The resources contained within are aimed at teachers seeking to explain and explore Politics and IR as subjects and to run university-style modules which engage with issues of great political significance.