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## Dear Parent/Carer,

As students embark on their Politics A Level, we thought it would be useful to share an overview of the course.

### In A Level Politics:

We follow the Edexcel Politics A Level course 3A which covers the following modules: UK Government and Politics, US Government and Politics and Political Ideas. The link to the Edexcel website for Politics is <u>HERE</u>. The content is set over 3 exam papers which are all equally weighted.

We start the course by looking at UK Politics and emphasise the importance of keeping up with current events and linking them into the course content and theory. We then move onto US Politics in the summer term of Year 12, and finish in Year 13 with Ideologies.

#### Textbooks and resources:

We provide students with the 2023 updated Edexcel Politics textbook which covers all of the content. We also have a subject Google Site, that students can log onto with their school accounts, which provides useful resources and lesson material. We also subscribe to an excellent on-line resource 'pre-chewed politics' that has videos and resources for the entire course.

#### Homework and assessment:

Homework is focussed around note taking and researching examples to support the content in lessons. Assessment is based around exam preparation and we build students up from the start of Y12 to be able to answer the different types of exam questions.

#### Co-curricular in Politics:

We have a very popular History and Politics discussion group that enables us to discuss topical political issues.

If you have any queries please contact Jo Quesne, Head of Politics at jquesne@ahs.bucks.sch.uk