

# GETTING AHEAD



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## Politics – A Level

### Big questions... in politics

- How effective has government been in dealing with crises?
- Should government restrict liberties to protect wider society?
- What should the UK's relationship with Europe be like?
- What steps should be taken to deal with climate change?
- Does the media have too much influence on politics?
- Do the people have too little influence on politics?

The world is rapidly changing and the responses of governments can be variable. For this task you will need to identify a recent event or situation and provide a summary and analysis of it. Identify and explain the question or topic and the events surrounding it. Then look at how it has been or is being dealt with by government and wider society. What decisions were made and by whom? What was the overall result? Were actions of the government effective or not? Explain your reasoning.

The Politics department would love for you to stay cognitively engaged over the coming weeks and months, despite the cancellation of your GCSE exams. The following are suggestions, they are not compulsory, but we would love for you to engage in any that you find interesting.



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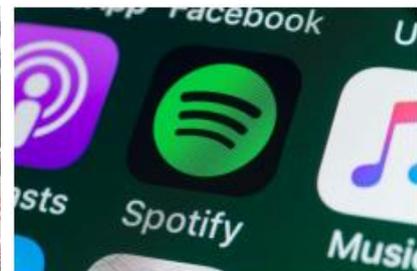


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## Resources to use - read, watch, listen and play

<https://www.tutor2u.net/politics/blog/politics-reading-list>

A very detailed list...we don't expect you to read all of them...just pick any that might be of interest to you!



### Read

The media - newspapers, magazines and other similar sources. All newspapers have websites where you can access their content. How useful/reliable are these sources?

### Watch

TV programmes such as the News is a constant source of information and in recent months the government has issued daily briefings broadcast on television. Why should sources such as YouTube be treated with caution?

### Listen

Podcasts and radio broadcasts can provide a lot of useful information on recent events - [www.talkingpoliticspodcast.com/](http://www.talkingpoliticspodcast.com/)

### Play

Play a game: <https://www.parliament.uk/mpforaweek> allows you to play a game where you take charge of Britain; you get to choose and pass your own laws. Could you do any better?

If you would like to share what you've learnt, we'd love for you to produce a piece that we could share with other students.

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