



Church of England School
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Dear Parent/Carer

AS Government & Politics

I do hope your son/daughter is settling well into life in the Sixth Form and is so far enjoying the course in Government and Politics. Parents frequently ask us if there is anything which they can purchase to support their son or daughter's learning in this subject. The purpose of this letter is to make some recommendations.

As the study of Government & Politics is a rapidly changing subject and textbooks rarely cover all that is required, the department has worked hard to produce a topic 'reader' for each theme which appears on the AS exam. Your son or daughter will be issued with a copy of each reader and be able to annotate and highlight it as they progress through the topic. **Obviously given that this resource cannot be re-used in future years there is a charge of £20.50 for the complete set of readers (which will cover all 8 topics assessed in the AS exam as well as comprehensive assessment booklet & course outline).**

The course outline lays out the exam board specification as well as useful resources your child can access. The assessment booklet provides specific information on the exams your child will sit at the end of the year. Additionally it includes all the past papers available and information on how to approach the different styles of question on the exams they will sit in the summer.

Payment should be made via ParentPay using your credit or debit card, please select 'AS Politics Resources 2016'. Should you have any concerns with respect to payment, please contact Mrs Hagon on 01895 671002, alternatively email parentpay@bishopramseyschool.org.

There is also some newly updated unit guides for the two exams your son or daughter will sit this year which are published by Philip Allan in partnership with AQA. Both are available on Amazon priced at £9.99. Your son or daughter should ensure they purchase the **2012 edition**.

- AQA AS Government & Politics Student Unit Guide: People, Politics and Participation (Unit 1) ISBN: 978-1444161854
- AQA AS Government & Politics Student Unit Guide: Governing Modern Britain (Unit 2) ISBN: 978-1444161885

A new edition of a comprehensive textbook has also been recently released which may be of some use:

- AS UK Government and Politics 4th Edition, ISBN: 978-1444183528

It is available on Amazon priced at £22.99, ensure you purchase the 2013 edition.



There are also some newly published 'workbooks' which your son/daughter may find useful especially if they are finding the step up to A Level more challenging. These are priced at £6 each:

- AQA AS Government & Politics Unit 1 Workbook: People, Politics and Participation
ISBN: 978-1444199963
- AQA AS Government & Politics Unit 2 Workbook: Governing Modern Britain
ISBN: 978-1444199956.

The Government & Politics Department has also set up a Twitter account which is @BR_GovandPol which your son/daughter should follow to keep up to date with the latest news stories, relevant articles and opportunities.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about anything contained in this letter and throughout the year if you have concerns about your child's progress in Government & Politics. I can be contacted via email at lrobinson.312@lqflmail.org or alternatively on 01895 639227 extension 562.

Yours faithfully



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