



Church of England School
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Dear Parent/Carer

A2 Government & Politics

I hope that your son or daughter is enjoying their A2 Government & Politics course. 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 everything, the department has worked hard to produce a topic 'reader' for each theme which appears on the A2 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 a complete set of readers (which will cover all 8 topics assessed in the A2 exams as well as a course outline and an assessment booklet).**

The course outline lays out the exam board specification as well as useful resources your son or daughter 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 they will face in the summer.

Payment should be made via ParentPay, please select 'A2 Politics Resources 2015-16'. Should you have any concerns with respect to payment, please contact Mrs Hagon on 01895 671002, alternatively email parentpay@bishoramseyschool.org.

There are 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 A2 Government & Politics Student Unit Guide: the Politics of the USA: Unit 3A ISBN: 978-1444161915
- AQA A2 Government & Politics Student Unit Guide: the Government of the USA: Unit 4A ISBN: 978-1444161946.

A new edition of a comprehensive textbook has also been recently released which may be of some use especially if you feel that your son or daughter may struggle with the comprehension of the content of the course.

- A2 US Government and Politics (4th edition) ISBN-13: 978-1444183542
 It is available on Amazon priced at £22.99, ensure you purchase the **2013 edition**.



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 son or daughter's progress in Government & Politics. I can be contacted via email at lrobinson.312@lgflmail.org or alternatively on 01895 639227 extension 562.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Robinson', with a horizontal line underneath.

Miss L Robinson
Government and Politics Teacher