

Post-16 Transition Support

A Level Politics

Transition Project

In preparation for your course, you should complete the following tasks. The course content usually centres around very recent current events and contemporary politics.

Knowledge Topics – Current events

Read the 3 articles in the following links; [Link 1](#), [Link 2](#) [Link 3](#) to access the resources and consider the questions below:

- The Conservative Party are currently riding high in the opinion polls, but will their handling of the coronavirus pandemic see a big fall in support? Has it been better or worse than in other democracies? Why?
- Has a decade of austerity and public sector cuts severely damaged our ability to deal with coronavirus? In what particular ways? Will we want a stronger public sector in future?

You might want to create your own notes or make into a learning journal

Suggested investigation topics:

- Hard right-wing Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban has suspended democracy and is now ruling by decree. Should Hungary be expelled from the EU? Is this another nail in the coffin of the EU, or will the democrats fight back and make the EU more democratic? What is the most likely outcome?
- Coronavirus started in China and has spread due to globalisation. Is it now time to revert back to a more national-based economy, or should the global governance of the United Nations be improved to deal with international issues. How will the world respond?
- Do we now need to treat the world's environment better as Ecologists have always demanded? Should the eating of wild animals be banned internationally? Will SE Asian countries accept this?

There are also many good websites you can use. News and other specific websites are particularly good at keeping you informed and up-to-date, including:

www.bbc.co.uk / <http://www.telegraph.co.uk> / www.theguardian.co.uk