

## **GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS A LEVEL**

**Preparing for your course:**

**Over the summer holiday boost your understanding of current political developments/ debates in the UK and the USA.**

Possible areas to focus on:

### **UK Politics:**

The Brexit process

Party policies

Role/impact of the “mainstream media”/“social media”/“New media” on current debates/perceptions of politicians/issues

Combatting terrorism

Current levels of support in the House of Commons for the government

“Protest” movements

### **US Politics:**

President Trump

Congressional investigation of alleged links between Trump election campaign and Russian government

The “travel ban”

Gun control

Women’s Reproductive Rights debates

Repeal of Obamacare

### **Refer to a wide range of media sources, including:**

Broadcast News programmes – BBC1 News, Channel 4 News, Newsnight

Radio 4 – “Today” programme; The World at One; “PM”

Compare coverage of events by reading a wide range of both “tabloid” and “broadsheet” newspapers

Compare the representation/analysis of key stories/issues using both “mainstream media” sources and “social media” sources such as Twitter and Facebook.