Politics Bridging Work for September 2023

Politics is a fast-moving subject which requires you to have up to date knowledge of what is going on in the political world at the time. You need, therefore, to ensure that **you are following the news**, particularly political current affairs throughout the holiday period. You can do this by watching a news programme each day (for example BBC News at Ten, Channel 4 News or NewsNight) or by using Twitter (handles such as Guardian Politics, BBC Politics, Sky News are useful) or by reading a broadsheet style newspaper or their website (for example The Times, The Telegraph and The Guardian – though be warned some of these do put their material online behind a paywall). The Economist is also an excellent weekly magazine which has in-depth coverage of political events and is worth looking at.

**You will get a test in September 2023 on the current political situation.** You should, therefore, make sure you know key political information in UK Politics, such as who holds the main posts within the cabinet, who are the main leaders of the other political parties, who are key members of the shadow cabinet and so on.

In addition to this you should **produce a 200 word essayette** on a post-1979 politician who you admire or find interesting. Explain why you find them so.

The department also recommends you read ‘A very short introduction to British Politics’.

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