**Government & Politics**

Prior to September it is essential that you keep up to date with developments in UK politics. There will be a content knowledge test within the first couple of weeks to check that you are following the news. Therefore, to keep ahead of the curve you must do as many of the following as possible:  
  
**1. Visit news/magazine websites and download their accompanying apps on to your phone.**

BBC News – Politically neutral but lacking in depth analysis.  
  
The Guardian – Left-leaning newspaper which tends to support the Labour Party.  
  
The Daily Telegraph – Right-leaning newspaper which generally supports the Conservative Party.  
  
New Internationalist – A magazine which covers stories often not covered in the mainstream media and argues for the need for radical change between the developed and developing world.  
  
The Economist – A classic liberal magazine which supports free trade.  
  
The New Statesman – A politics magazine which has a left-wing editorial line.

**2. Watch/Listen to as many politics related programmes on television or IPlayer:**  
  
The Andrew Marr Show (BBC 1)

Question Time (BBC 1)

Peston on Sunday (ITV)

Daily Politics (BBC2)

This Week (BBC1)

Pienaar’s Politics (BBC Radio 5)

Guardian Politics Weekly (Podcast)

**3. Documentary Series:**

Andrew Marr's History of Modern Britain - An excellent documentary series which charts the political, economic and social history of Britain since 1945. Available on DVD