

## A-Level Politics – Wider Reading list

Most of the following books are available within the Department or can be found easily in your local library.

It is also recommended that you engage with newspapers to keep up-to-date with current affairs, the following are recommended:

- The Times
- The Guardian
- The Telegraph
- The Independent
- The Economist
- The New Statesmen
- The New European

### Alternative Textbooks

- UK Government and Politics for AS/A-Level (5<sup>th</sup> Edition) by Philip Lynch
- US Government and Politics for A-Level (5<sup>th</sup> Edition) by Philip Lynch
- Political Ideologies for A-Level (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition) by Philip Lynch
- Politics by Andrew Heywood
- Essentials of UK Politics: For AS and A-Level by Andrew Heywood
- Essentials of Political Ides: For A-Level by Andrew Heywood

### Biographies:

- The Life of an MP: Everything you Really Need to Know About Politics by Jess Phillips
- The Downing Street Years by Margaret Thatcher
- Promised Land by Barack Obama
- Tribes by David Lammy
- Honourable Friends by Caroline Lucas

### Introductions to:

- DK: The Feminism Book
- DK: The Politics Book
- DK: How Politics Works
- A Very Short Introduction to Liberalism by Michael Freeden
- A Very Short Introduction to Socialism by Michael Newman
- A Very Short Introduction to Feminism by Margaret Walters
- The Breakdown by Tatton Spiller
- Politics by David Runciman

### Histories of the UK/USA:

- Ruling Britannia by Andrew Marr
- Mastering Modern British History by Norman Lowe
- Democracies in change: Britain and the USA in the 20<sup>th</sup> century by Stuart Clayton and Derrick Murphy

### Key thinker texts:

- Leviathan by Thomas Hobbes
- Reflections on the Revolution in France by Edmund Burke
- Anarchy, State and Utopia by Robert Nozick
- Two Treaties of Government by John Locke
- On Liberty by John Stuart Mills
- A Theory of Justice by John Rawls
- The Communist Manifesto by Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels
- The Future of Socialism by Anthony Crosland
- The Third Way by Anthony Giddens

### Other books of interest:

- 21 Lessons for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century by Yuval Noah Harari
- The End of History and the Last Man by Francis Fukuyuma
- Prisoners of Geography by Tim Marshall
- But What Can I Do? Why Politics Has Gone So Wrong and How You Can Help Fix It by Alistair Campbell
- The Abuse of Power by Theresa May

### Films/Documentaries

#### UK:

- Made in Dagenham
- The Iron Lady
- Brexit: The Uncivil War
- The Queen
- The Deal
- In the Loop

#### USA:

- Vice
- Frost Nixon
- All the Presidents Men
- Jacky
- 13<sup>th</sup>
- RBG
- Amend

### TV Series:

#### UK:

- Yes Minister
- Yes Prime Minister
- Andrew Marr's History Of Modern Britain
- Have I Got News For You
- The Thick of It
- The Crown
- House of Cards

#### USA:

- Mrs America
- The West Wing
- Inside Obama's White House
- Last Week Tonight

### Podcasts:

- The Rest is Politics
- The Presidents and Prime Ministers
- Pod Save America
- Pod Save The World
- A Level Politics Show
- Leading
- Political Thinking with Nick Robinson
- Talking Politics: History of Ideas
- The American Institute at Oxford University Podcast
- Americast (BBC Sounds)
- The Coming Storm (BBC Sounds)

### Websites:

- Squashed Philosophers (<http://sqapo.com>) provides students with condensed versions of the works of political philosophers. Essential reads for any student of political ideas.
- Prechewed Politics ([www.prechewedpolitics.co.uk](http://www.prechewedpolitics.co.uk)) provides students with case studies on each of the key themes of the course, alongside video explanations.
- Politics Review ([www.hoddereducationmagazines.com](http://www.hoddereducationmagazines.com)) provides students with up-to-date examples of developments in politics. A selection of articles can be found on FP Cloud.

