

The  
**Heathland**  
School

*A Mathematics and Science College*



# SIXTH FORM INDUCTION TASKS





Dear student,

Congratulations on your enrolment for the Sixth Form at The Heathland School.

The leap from GCSE to Post 16 study is significant and it is essential that you make a strong and committed start to your courses in September.

In order to help you do this, we have asked departments to prepare some preliminary work for you to start before your first lessons begin. There are tasks to complete for each A Level or BTEC subject you are going to study in Year 12. Teachers will refer to these tasks during the first two weeks of study.

I would also ask you to view the specification for each subject by viewing the curriculum section on the school website.

The best of luck with your Sixth Form studies – we look forward to seeing you make good progress during Year 12 and beyond.

## POLITICS

- Research the political system within the UK and create a diagram to show how it works. Your diagram should include the following institutions:

- o House of Commons
- o House of Lords
- o Supreme Court
- o Devolved Assemblies of Scotland, Northern Ireland & Wales

For each of these you should include the following information:

- o What its main jobs / roles are
- o How people become part of these institutions
- o How many people are in each one

Use these links to help with your research:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zxnwkty>

<https://assets-learning.parliament.uk/uploads/2019/12/How-it-Works-booklet.pdf>

This booklet will also help you with some of the other tasks.

- Put together a summary of the current UK government elected in July 2024 - who's in the cabinet, how many seats do they have in the House of Commons, what were their main manifesto promises before the election?

- Create a fact file on each of the following political parties:

- o Conservative
- o Labour
- o Liberal Democrat
- o Reform

Look at when they were formed, who the key figures within the party are and what their key beliefs are. Are there any similarities between the parties? Note down your thoughts.

- What is a pressure group? Write a definition and then research the group Liberty along with two others of your choice. Explain what their aims are and what methods they use.

- The electoral system for the House of Commons is called First Past the Post. Explain how it works and note down its strengths and weaknesses.

Use this link to help with your research: <https://consoc.org.uk/the-constitution-explained/electoral-systems/>