

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC ACADEMY

POLITICS DEPARTMENT



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WELCOME!

Is everything you read or see in the media correct?

What impact does Politics have on our country?

Over the next two years, you will be answering these questions.

Attempt each of the tasks. They aren't meant to be easy so please do your best.

Task One

Research the life and career of one UK Prime Minister and one USA President. Create a factfile about both of them including their political party, when they held power, their age, accomplishments when in power and any other relevant information.

Task Two

Research the current position of the Northern Ireland Assembly and write a 200 word summary.

Task Three

Research what happened in the vote of confidence triggered by Conservative MPs against the Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, in June 2022 and write a 200 word summary.

Task Four

Give a definition for each of the following terms:

Power	Parliamentary sovereignty
Authority	Referendum (UK – not US!)
Legitimacy	Constitutional monarchy
Government	Fusion of powers
Politics	Separation of powers
Civil society	Devolution
Executive branch	Labour Party
Prime minister	Conservative Party
Cabinet	Liberal Democrats
Legislative branch	Brexit Party
Parliament	Presidency (USA)
House of Commons	Congress (USA)
House of Lords	Constitution (USA)
Judicial branch	Checks & Balances (USA)
Supreme Court (UK – not US!)	Supreme Court (USA)
Rule of Law	Republican Party (USA)
Westminster Model	Democratic Party (USA)
Elective dictatorship	Liberalism (Ideology)
Direct democracy	Conservatism (Ideology)
Representative democracy	Socialism (Ideology)
	Nationalism (Ideology)