



# Getting Ahead – Pre-course Work

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## Politics A Level

Welcome to **Politics A Level**. In preparation for the start of the course, please complete these tasks and have them with you to hand in during your first week of college in September.

These tasks should take you approximately four and a half hours to complete and are designed to give you an introduction to the subject, and the expectations we have for you to complete at least four and a half hours of independent study, per subject, per week.

### Task 1 – Devolution

Please watch the short documentary video called ‘Scottish independence: could Britain break up?’ – available on YouTube (**scan QR code 1**)



After watching the video, please read the following BBC article about devolution across the United Kingdom – available on the BBC website (**scan QR code 2**)



After watching the video, and reading the article, please define what is meant by ‘devolved’ matters and ‘reserved’ matters, and give examples of each of these.

### Task 2 - Devolution deep dive

In a referendum in 2014, Scotland voted to remain in the United Kingdom. However, it was close! For the disgruntled independence voters, please research ‘the Vow’ that was made by David Cameron, Nick Clegg, and Ed Miliband to the people of Scotland to ensure that they remained in the union.

Please write in the style of a newspaper report:

- It should be at least one side of A4.
- Include pictures.
- Explain the powers that Westminster promised the people of Scotland
- Research and explain what is meant by the ‘Sewel convention’
- Conclude as to whether anything actually changed ... did Brexit make things worse?



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## Getting Equipped

You will need the following:

- Folder (plastic wallets or ring binder)
- Dividers
- Pens, colouring pens & highlighters

I look forward to working with you all come September!

Jack