**A Level Politics Summer Prep: research into the 2024 General Election**

**Political parties**



**The UK has a range of political parties: including the Conservatives, Labour and the Liberal Democrats. These parties are in the process of positioning themselves for the upcoming General Election, to attract as much support as they can.**

***Below are 3 research tasks for political parties in the UK system. Please complete them in full!***

**Task 1**

**Your research task is to choose one of the following parties: Labour, Conservatives or Liberal Democrats.**

You need to research:

* the history of the party
* their ideology and policy beliefs (including their most recent election platform)
* their electoral performance (Which elections/areas/age groups do they perform well with?)
* Do they have a majority in Parliament?
* How well did they do at the last elections (December 2019 General Election/May 2024 Local Elections)
* Finally key figures in that party (include photos and descriptions of who they are). This should be about one A4 page of typed work. You need to turn this into some sort of leaflet/flyer about that party including pictures, not just a set of notes.

Wikipedia is an excellent resource for this task (as a general rule, you shouldn’t rely on Wikipedia – but it IS a really good source of useful information!) but you should use more than one source to complete this work.

**Other sources:**

1. <https://labour.org.uk/>
2. <https://www.conservatives.com/app/download-share2win/splash>
3. <https://www.libdems.org.uk/>
4. Podcasts (The Rest is Politics/Newsagents)
5. The Independent Newspaper is REALLY good for UK politics too!
6. BBC News/Sky News

**Task 2 - Now do the above…for one of the other parties!**

**Task 3**

**Read the article below, make notes on the pros and cons of First Past the Post:**

1. **Make note of the Pros and Cons of FPTP**
2. **Do you think we should keep FPTP? Explain your answer**

**Article found at** [**https://www.electoral-reform.org.uk/voting-systems/types-of-voting-system/first-past-the-post/**](https://www.electoral-reform.org.uk/voting-systems/types-of-voting-system/first-past-the-post/)

**Final Project: Explain why Kier Starmer’s Labour Party won a majority at the 2024 General Election**

**This must include**

* **An introduction and conclusion**
* **The strengths of each party you have researched – for example policies which were unpopular/popular, historical perception, track records.**
* **Lots of specific examples – news stories on the campaign (for example the D-Day error), the impact of the debates and the role of the ‘other’ parties.**
* **How you structure the essay us up to you – but you may wish to divide it into sections – for example one paragraph on the strength of the winning party, one paragraph on another reasons for success, one paragraph on the weakness of a particular party etc.**
* **At least 1000 words.**

**Submit a copy to your Politics teachers – Mr Law and Mr Barnes**