



## Super Curriculum

# Hinchingbrooke Sixth Form

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## Politics

## Reading

## The Prime Ministers by lain Dale



The Prime Ministers, edited by leading political commentator Iain Dale, brings to life all 55 of Britain's 'First Among Equals' with an essay for each office holder, written by key figures in British

politics. From the obscure 18th-century figures like the earl of Shelburne to 20th-century titans like Churchill and Thatcher, this audiobook provides a much-needed reminder about their motivations, failures and achievements.

#### The Presidents: 25 years of American Political Leadership by lain Dale



Essays on all 46 American Presidents who have held the office over the last 230 years from George Washington to Joe Biden.

#### **Prime Ministers We Never Had** By Steve Richards



In this piercing and original history, Steve Richards looks at eleven prime ministers we never had, examining what made each of these illustrious figures unique and why they failed to make the final leap to the top. Based on

unprecedented access and interviews with key political figures this fascinating study of failure and success sheds new light on some of the most compelling characters in British public life.



## Writing Tasks

Trinity Essay Prize

Enter the annual <u>RA Butler Politics Prize</u> for Year 12 students from Trinity College.



## Listening Tasks

#### Gordon Brown



Listen to <u>The Brown Years</u> (BBC Sounds). Steve Richards tells the inside story of Gordon Brown's time as prime minister.

#### Jeremy Corbyn



Listen to <u>The Corbyn Story</u> (BBC Sounds). Steve Richards examines the dramatic story of Jeremy Corbyn and what it reveals about the bitter battle for the soul of the Labour party.

**General Elections** 



<u>You're Dead To Me</u> (BBC Sounds) returns for a special episode on The History of General Elections. Welcome to the world of "bludgeon men", "potwallopers", and electorates of sheep (!). Travel back to the 18th Century, when Number 10 was number 5 (yes, really) and discover not just how voter rights have changed, but where they originated. Host Greg Jenner is joined by historian Dr Hannah Nicholson and comedian Catherine Bohart.



## Politics

### Research Tasks

#### Famous election victories

Research the factors that led to the result in one of the following famous elections: Thatcher's 1997 victory, Blair's 1997 victory, or Johnson's 2019 victory. Use The <u>House of Commons</u> website for statistical information on elections over the last century.

#### **Electoral Systems**

Research the advantages and disadvantages of the following electoral systems. The <u>Electoral Reform Society</u> is an independent campaigning organisation working to champion the rights of voters and build a better democracy in Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Learn more about where each system is used - and make a judgement on which system is best overall.

#### **Party Policies**

Research the <u>Labour Party</u>, <u>Conservative Party</u>, and <u>Liberal Democrats</u>. Focus on their approach to the economy, welfare, healthcare, law and order, and immigration.



### Watching Tasks

#### The Cameron Years

#### The Cameron Years BBC iPlayer

A look at Great Britain during the term of Prime Minister David Cameron. The first episode details the events that led David Cameron to call, and lose, the 2016 EU referendum. Cameron and other key players tell their version of what occurred.

#### Blair and Brown

#### Blair and Brown: The New Labour Revolution BBC iPlayer

A series of two young MPs, Tony Blair and Gordon Brown who are determined to modernise the Labour party against a backdrop of economic strife and dire election failures.

#### Inside Obama's White House

#### Inside Obama's White House BBC iPlayer

This documentary tells the story of how Obama tried to reshape America as told by his inner-circle and the President himself.

#### The Trump Show

#### The Trump Show BBC Select

Protests, impeachment, and a pandemic: A front row seat to Trump's unpredictable Presidency.



## Trips and Visits

#### Houses of Parliament

Visit the <u>Houses of Parliament</u> website to book a tour of Westminster to discover the magnificent rooms within this historic building and find out what happens today in the House of commons and House of Lords. Talks and Events and watch PMQs, debates and committees live on this website.

#### People's History Museum

Visit the <u>People's History Museum</u> in Manchester – telling the story of the development of democracy in Britain: past, present and future.

#### The British Library

<u>The British Library</u> in London is one of the two largest libraries in the world. It is estimated to contain between 170 and 200 million items from many countries. As a legal deposit library, the British Library receives copies of all books produced in the United Kingdom and Ireland, including a significant proportion of overseas titles distributed in the UK. Get access to a free <u>British Library Reader Pass</u>