

GCE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2020

Welcome back. We hope you have managed to have a restful summer and that you are looking forward to the year ahead.

Whilst Rachel Dodge is on a secondment, I will be filling in for her as Subject Officer for Psychology.

In a year that so far has been unlike any other, I hope that if you have any questions you will get in touch with me at governmentandpolitics@wjec.co.uk or with your colleagues on the WJEC Government and Politics Teacher Network.

SUMMER 2021 ADAPTATIONS

Information regarding the adaptations can be found on the secure website now and a narrated powerpoint will be available soon on the website which contains more details of the process that the adaptations underwent in their development.

I would like to say thank you to those teachers who gave us feedback regarding the 2021 adaptations either as part of the focus group or by responding to the survey. If you are unsure about any aspect of the adaptations, please don't hesitate to contact us.

NEW RESOURCES

A wide range of free digital resources are available on the WJEC resources website. Items recently added include:

Exam walk throughs [Resource WJEC Educational Resources Website](#)- these are aimed at learners, and this resource offers practical hints and tips on how to effectively approach questions in the examination paper. Using the 2019 past exam papers, the PPT with audio help and audio script in the notes will walk you through a mock examination paper, preparing learners for the layout of the examinations, helping them to practise useful exam techniques. Learners can complete it in a single sitting, tackle one or two questions at a time or revisit some parts of the presentation to reinforce your learning.

CPD AUTUMN 2020

WJEC is providing support for AS and A level Psychology this year with:

1. Free pre-recorded professional learning materials are available on the Training section of the Government and Politics page on the website [AS/A Level Government and Politics \(wjec.co.uk\)](https://www.wjec.co.uk/AS/A_Level_Government_and_Politics).

A great resource which focuses on how devolution works in the UK and techniques to encourage independent learning.

2. We will also be offering a live online event on Monday 7th December. This will be delivered online by experienced teachers and senior examiners. The two-hour session will focus on:

- Retrospective of the Trump presidency: This will cover the extent of change to the government and politics of the USA brought about in the Trump presidency, examine the extent and permanence of these and their impacts. This session will draw together the fast-moving and fundamentally different Trump presidency to allow teachers to extrapolate the relevance of events and changes to the specification for Unit 4.
- Ideological responses of the last 12 months: This will cover examples of liberal, conservative, socialist and nationalist responses to UK and global developments of the past year. This session will allow teachers to extrapolate the relevance of events and changes throughout the last year to the specification for Unit 3.
- Changes in governing in the UK in the last 12 months: This will cover the extent of change to the functioning of the UK government and its relationships with devolved nations of the UK, the role of the media, the roles of special advisors and scientific advisors, the effects of changes to the working practices of the UK parliament and the devolved institutions on accountability and the role of Parliament, and the effects of changes in the last year on democracy, participation and the Constitution. This session will allow teachers to extrapolate the relevance of events and changes of the last year to the specification for Units 1 and 2.

If you are interested in attending, you can book [here](#) or contact cpd@wjec.co.uk for further information.



JOIN OUR FACEBOOK GROUP

Our Facebook group is a place for teachers to share resources, advice, and subject-related news to help fellow group members. We have over 100 members who actively engage with supporting each other and sharing amazing resources. If you are not already a member log in to Facebook and ask to join.

There will be another newsletter in early 2021, but as always please email me with any questions you may have at governmentandpolitics@wjec.co.uk

Wishing you all a calm and productive term,

Rhiannon Murray