

Politics Summer Project 2020

Mr Knox's work

1. Using YouTube and Google videos, watch the 4 BBC programmes 'Inside the Commons'. Episode 2 3 and 4 are all easy to find on YouTube. Episode 1 can be found at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-w0ry8knlys>

2. Make sure you note the role of the 'Whips' and how they try to get members of their party to vote with the leaders. Note the many different activities that ordinary MPs (backbenchers) get involved in. Note the role of committees of parliament and the debates.
3. Make a timeline of the evolution of the UK Constitution. Try and find at least 8 Key events, including Magna Carta 1215 and the Human Rights Act 1998
4. Research the powers of the UK prime minister. Use this research to answer the essay question: 'To what extent are there too few limits to the power of the Prime Minister?' 100 words

Mr Bradbury's work

1. Research the Labour and Conservative party and produce a fact file on each
2. Create a PPT presentation on how the UK 'First Past the Post' election system works with an analysis of its strengths and weaknesses
3. Answer the essay question: 'To what extent does the UK have a two party political system?' This should be a 1,000 word essay which focuses on the different types of party systems (one party, two party, multi-party and dominant party system) to assess what type of system the UK has.