

Session 3: What is the cabinet?

Another of the topics that we will first visit will be the UK executive which includes the Prime Minister and his or her cabinet.

Visit the website <https://www.gov.uk/government/ministers> to find out about the UK executive and its cabinet ministers. As you complete the activities below you will identify some of the key personnel and offices of government including the following: Prime Minister, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Secretary of State for Health and Social Care.

Task 1

As the top of the page click on 'Cabinet ministers'. Choose at least three of the following below to learn more about some of the key personnel and offices of government:

The Prime Minister Boris Johnson

The Chancellor of the Exchequer Rishi Sunak

The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs Dominic Raab

The Secretary of State for the Home Department Priti Patel

The Secretary of State for Health Matt Hancock

The Secretary of State for Education Gavin Williamson

Task 2

As the top of the page click on 'Whips'. Choose at least one of the headings below to learn more about some of the key personnel involved in the different parts of government:

House of Commons

Junior Lords of the Treasury

Assistant Whips

House of Lords

Baronesses and Lords in Waiting

You should then watch the video below to consolidate your knowledge and understanding of the office of the whips.

What is a government whip?

[What is a Government Whip? | Exploring the House of Commons | BBC Teach - YouTube](#)

Task 3

For a bit of fun, visit the website <https://www.politicalcompass.org/> and take the political compass quiz. Scroll down the website and click on 'Take the Test'. It will hopefully help you understand your own political views, an important first step in your A-level studies.

I hope that the activities outlined in these three sessions will help you feel confident and prepared in starting your A-Level politics course.

All the best,

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