



Year 12 Curriculum Overview: **POLITICS**



Autumn Term

Topics/ content outline:

Unit 2 Parliament – The structure and role of the House of Commons - Role and structure of House of Lords
Comparative powers of Commons and Lords
Unit 1 -Representative Democracy and direct democracy
Pressure Groups
Rights Political Parties

Powerful Knowledge (key concepts, skills)

Unit 1 Legitimacy Direct Democracy Representative Democracy Pluralist democracy Democratic Deficit Participation Crisis Think Tanks Lobbyists Old Labour/ New Labour One Nation New Right Left wing/Right wing	Unit 2 Parliament Confidence and Supply Salisbury Convention Legislative Bills Public Bill Committees Backbenchers Select Committees Opposition
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What will you be assessed on?

Unit 1
Common Assessment 1 – Democracy and Participation (1.1)
Common Assessment 2 – Pressure Groups and Political parties (1.3 and 1.4)

Unit 2
Common Assessment 1 – House of Commons (2.1 and 2.2)
Common assessment 2 – House of Lords (2.1 and 2.2)

How can you help at home?

- Encourage students to read and stay up-to-date with Politics in the real world by encouraging watching of news programs and reading broadsheet news from across the political spectrum
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Spring Term

Unit 2 – The Prime Minister and Executive
The concept of Ministerial responsibility
The PM and Cabinet.
Relations between branches
Unit 1 – Established political parties emerging parties
Different electoral systems
Referendums
Electoral systems analysis
Factors influencing voting behaviour

Unit 1 Old Labour New Labour Classic Liberals Modern Liberals Party systems Left wing Right wing FPTP Additional member system Supplementary Vote Safe seat Marginal Seat	Unit 2 Executive Cabinet Minister Secondary legislation Individual responsibility Collective responsibility Presidentialism
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Unit 1
Common Assessment 3 Electoral Systems
Common Assessment 4 Voting Behaviour

Unit 2
Common Assessment 3 PM and Cabinet
Common Assessment 4 Relations between branches

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Summer Term

Unit 1
Voting behaviour and the media
Core Ideology (Liberalism and Conservatism)

Unit 2
The Constitution and Constitutional Reform

Non core ideology – Feminism

Unit 2 Constitution Uncodified Parliamentary sovereignty Rule of Law Statute and Common Law Conventions Devolution Feminism Public and private sphere Different types of feminism Otherness Intersectionality	Unit 1 Class dealignment Manifesto Mandate Partisan dealignment Conservatism Noblesse oblige Liberalism Nightwatchman and enabling state
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Year 12 Exams

Unit 1 & 2 Ideology 24 mark question as per examination structure

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Topics/ content outline:

Comparative Politics – US option
 1. The US Constitution and federalism
 4 US Supreme Court and civil rights
 3. Powers of the president
 Core ideologies (unit 1) Socialism

Powerful Knowledge (key concepts, skills)

Comparative Politics
Bipartisanship
Checks and balances
Codified/ uncoded
Enumerated Powers
Federalism
Separation of the powers
Executive Order
Imperial/Imperilled
Informal powers
Unified Government

Socialism
 Fraternity
 Collectivism
 Marxism
 Keynesian economics

What will you be assessed on?

Common Assessment 1a – Constitution and Federalism (1.1- 1.4)
Common Assessment 2a Supreme Court (4.1-4.6)
Common Assessment 1b US presidency (3.1-3.4)

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Spring Term

.2 US Congress
 Elections ; Primaries, campaign funding strengths and weaknesses of US Electoral system
 Republican and Democrat parties
 Interest Groups

Comparative Questions
 Recap of Year 12 work and UK comparisons

Congress
Congressional caucuses
Divided Government
Fillibuster
Gridlock
Incumbency
Mid terms
Oversight
Partisanship

Factions
 Invisible primary
 PACS
 Party system
 Policy Group
 Religious Right
 Comparative Theories – structural, cultural and rational

Mock Examination in January

Comparative Practice Questions on all Topics

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Summer Term

1. Recap/ Retrieval/ consolidation of Previous learning
 2. Examination Practice

Examination Practice and revision

A'Level Final Exam

Paper 1 UK Politics and Core Political Ideas
Paper 2 UK Government and Non Core Political Ideas
Paper 3 Comparative Politics

- Encourage students to read and stay up-to-date with Politics in the real world by encouraging watching of news programs and reading broadsheet news from across the political spectrum
- Use showbie to access past papers and revision resources
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