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	Topics/ content outline:	Powerful Knowledge (key concepts, skills)	What will you be assessed on?	How can you help at home?
Autumn Term	<p>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</p> <p>Unit 1 -Representative Democracy and direct democracy Pressure Groups Rights Political Parties</p>	<p>Unit 1 Legitimacy Direct Democracy Representative Democracy Pluralist democracy Democratic Deficit Participation Crisis Think Tanks Lobbyists Old Labour/ New Labour One Nation New Right <u>Left wing/Right wing</u></p> <p>Unit 2 Parliament Confidence and Supply Salisbury Convention Legislative Bills Public Bill Committees Backbenchers Select Committees Opposition</p>	<p>Unit 1 Common Assessment 1 – Democracy and Participation (1.1) Common Assessment 2 – Pressure Groups and Political parties (1.3 and 1.4)</p> <p>Unit 2 Common Assessment 1 – House of Commons (2.1 and 2.2) Common assessment 2 – House of Lords (2.1 and 2.2)</p>	<p>-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</p> <p>-Use showbie to engage with the concepts and concepts we are working on at that time</p>
Spring Term	<p>Unit 2 – The Prime Minister and Executive The concept of Ministerial responsibility The PM and Cabinet. Relations between branches</p> <p>Unit 1 – Established political parties emerging parties Different electoral systems Referendums Electoral systems analysis Factors influencing voting behaviour</p>	<p>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</p> <p>Unit 2 Executive Cabinet Minister Secondary legislation Individual responsibility Collective responsibility Presidentialism</p>	<p>Unit 1 Common Assessment 3 Electoral Systems Common Assessment 4 Voting Behaviour</p> <p>Unit 2 Common Assessment 3 PM and Cabinet Common Assessment 4 Relations between branches</p>	<p>-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</p> <p>-Use showbie to engage with the concepts and concepts we are working on at that time</p>
Summer Term	<p>Unit 1 Voting behaviour and the media Core Ideology (Liberalism and Conservatism)</p> <p>Unit 2 The Constitution and Constitutional Reform Non core ideology – Feminism</p>	<p>Unit 2 Constitution Uncodified Parliamentary sovereignty Rule of law Statute and Common Law Conventions Devolution</p> <p>Feminism Public and private sphere Different types of feminism Otherness Intersectionality</p> <p>Unit 1 Class dealignment Manifesto Mandate Partisan dealignment</p> <p>Conservatism Noblesse oblige Liberalism Nightwatchman and enabling state</p>	<p>Year 12 Exams</p> <p>Unit 1 & 2 Ideology 24 mark question as per examination structure</p>	<p>-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</p> <p>-Use showbie to engage with the concepts and concepts we are working on at that time</p>

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Autumn Term	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	<u>Comparative Politics</u> Bipartisanship Socialism Checks and balances Fraternity Codified/ uncodified Collectivism Enumerated Powers Marxism Federalism Keynesian Separation of the powers economics Executive Order Imperial/Imperilled Informal powers Unified Government	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)	•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 engage with the concepts and concepts we are working on at that time
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 Filibuster Gridlock Incumbency Mid terms Oversight Partisanship Factions Invisible primary PACS Partysystem PolicyGroup Religious Right Comparative Theories – structural, cultural and rational	Mock Examination in January Comparative Practice Questions on all Topics	•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 engage with the concepts and concepts we are working on at that time
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 •Use showbie to engage with the concepts and concepts we are working on at that time