



Year 12 Curriculum Overview: Politics Paper 1



Autumn Term

Topics/ content outline:

Unit 5: Core Ideologies: Liberalism and Conservatism

1. Overview of core beliefs and core concepts
2. Similarities and Differences of Key Thinkers
3. Beliefs on human nature, the state, society and the economy

Unit 1: Democracy and Participation

1. Representative and Direct Democracy
2. Participation Crisis
3. Pressure Groups
4. Conflicting rights in the UK
5. Democratic Deficit

Powerful Knowledge (key concepts, skills)

Unit 5

Social Contracts
Rationalism
Individualism
Freedom and Liberty
Equality and Social Justice
Liberal Democracy
Human Imperfection
Paternalism
Tradition
Pragmatism
Organic Society

Unit 1

Legitimacy
Pluralist
Elitist
Suffrage
Franchise
Think Tanks
Lobbyists
Rights-based democracy
Civil Liberties

What will you be assessed on?

Week 3- Liberal Democracy PEACE Paragraph
Week 5- Liberalism 24 Mark Essay
Week 8- Liberalism Knowledge Test
Week 9- Conservatism Knowledge Test
Week 13- Participation Crisis 30 Mark Source Essay
Week 15- Conservatism and Unit 1 knowledge test

How can you help at home?

- Make use to the success in politics handout
- Make flash cards using the core knowledge sheets on showbie
- Read the weekly uploaded case studies on showbie
- Listen to podcasts such as the Newsagents, the rest is politics, or Newscast
- Ensure booklets are fully completed

Spring Term

Unit 2: Political Parties

1. Party Functions and feature
2. Political Funding
3. Developments of the Conservative Party
4. Developments of the Labour Party
5. The Impact of minor parties

Unit 3: Electoral Systems

1. First Past the Post
2. Alternative electoral systems
3. Referendums

Unit 2

One Nation
New Right
Old Labour
New Labour
Overton Window
Multi-Party System
Two-Party System
Electoral Commission

Unit 3

First Past the Post
Additional Member System
Single Transferable Vote
Supplementary Voting
By-election
Safe Seat
Marginal Seat
Coalition

Week 16: Unit 1 30 Mark non-source essay
Week 18: Conservative Party beliefs and factions 30 Mark non-source essay
Week 21: Unit 1 and 2 knowledge test
Week 22: Political Parties 30 Mark non-source essay
Week 25: First Past the Post 30 Mark source essay
Week 26: Unit 3 knowledge test

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- Practice full timed papers

Summer Term

Unit 4: Voting Behaviour

1. General Elections in Context (1979, 1997, 2010, 2024)
2. Demographics
3. The election campaign
4. Turnout

Unit 5: Core Ideologies: Socialism

1. Overview of core beliefs and core concepts
2. Similarities and Differences of Key Thinkers

Unit 4

Class Dealignment
Partisan Dealignment
Governing Competency
Disillusion and Apathy
Manifesto
Apathy
Valence
Salient Issues

Unit 5

Common Humanity
Types of equality
Social Class
Class Conflict
Collectivism
Workers Control

Week 27: Unit 3 electoral systems 30 Mark non-source essay
Week 29: Demographics 30 Mark source essay
Week 32: Unit 4 30 Mark non-source essay
Week 33: Unit 4 knowledge test

Mock Exams- Full 2 hour Paper 1:

1 x 30 mark source essay
1 x 30 mark non-source essay
1 x 24 mark ideologies essay

- Ensure all notes and booklets are fully consolidated
- Practice timed essays
- Practice full timed papers
- Rewrite essays based on class feedback
- Read the prechewed case studies as US pre-learning



Year 12 Curriculum Overview: Politics Paper 2



Autumn Term

Topics/ content outline:

Unit 1: The Constitution

1. Nature and sources of the constitution
2. Changes since 1997
3. Impact of devolution and the role of devolved bodies
4. Debates on further reform

Unit 3: Prime Minister and Executive

1. The structure, roles, and power of the Executive
2. The concept of ministerial responsibility
3. The powers of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
4. The premiership of Thatcher, Blair, Cameron, and Starmer

Powerful Knowledge (key concepts, skills)

Unit 1

Magna Carta
Acts of Settlement
Acts of Union
Parliament Acts
Unentrenched
Uncodified
Common Law
Unitary
Authoritative Works
Conventions
Devolution

Unit 3

Executive
Royal prerogative
Government department
Secondary Legislation
Individual responsibility
Collective responsibility
Presidential government
The budget
Coalition Government

What will you be assessed on?

Week 4: Constitutional Change PEACE paragraph

Week 6: Unit 1 30 Mark non-source essay

Week 8: knowledge test

Week 10: Ministerial Responsibility 30 mark source essay

Week 14: unit 3 30 mark non-source essay

Week 15: Unit 3 Knowledge Test

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Spring Term

Unit 2: Parliament

1. The structure and role of parliament
2. Comparing the House of Commons and House of Lords.
3. The legislative process
4. How the legislature interacts with the executive

Unit 4: Relations between Branches

1. The Supreme Court and its influence in decision making
2. The relationship between the Executive and Parliament
3. The role and impact of the EU

Unit 3

House of Commons
House of Lords
Confidence and Supply
Salisbury Convention
Parliamentary Privilege
Legislative Bills
Public Bill Committee
Backbenchers
Select Committees
Opposition

Unit 4

Supreme Court
Judicial Neutrality
Judicial Independence
Judicial Review
Elective Dictatorship
Ultra Vires
Legal Sovereignty
Political Sovereignty

Week 19: Power of the Commons 30 mark source essay

Week 21: Unit 2 30 Mark Source essay and Unit 2 knowledge test

Week 24: Supreme Court 30 mark non-source essay

Week 26: Unit 4 30 Mark source essay and Unit 4 knowledge test

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Summer Term

Unit 4: Relations between Branches

4. Parliamentary Sovereignty

Unit 5: Feminism

1. Overview of core beliefs and core concepts
2. Similarities and Differences of Key Thinkers
3. Beliefs on human nature, the state, society and the economy

Unit 5

Sex and gender
Androgyny
Patriarchy
Personal is Political
Equality and difference
feminism
Intersectionality
Public and Private Sphere
Otherness
Reserve army of labour

Week 29: Equality vs Difference Feminism 24-mark essay

Week 31: Unit 5 Feminism 24 Mark essay

Week 33: Unit 5 Feminism knowledge test

Mock Exams- Full 2 hour Paper 2:

1x 30 mark source essay

1 x 30 mark non-source essay

1 x 24 mark ideologies essay

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Autumn Term

Topics/ content outline:

Paper 1 Unit 5: Core Ideologies: Socialism

1. Beliefs on human nature, the state, society and the economy

Paper 3 Unit 3 US Presidency

1. Formal (Constitutional) Powers of the President
2. Informal Powers of the President
3. Imperilled vs Imperial presidency
4. UK Comparisons

Paper 3 Unit 5 Democracy and Participation (US Elections)

1. US Primaries
2. Electoral College
3. Electoral Funding
4. UK comparisons

Powerful Knowledge (key concepts, skills)

Unit 3

Domestic Politics
Electoral Mandate
Executive Branch
Executive Orders
Imperial Presidency
Incumbency
Imperilled Presidency
Post-Imperial Presidency
Powers of Persuasion
Unified Government

Unit 5

Balanced Ticket
Gerrymandering
Pork Barrelling
Front Loading
Closed/Open Primary
Super Tuesday
Soft/hard money
Political Action Committee
Split Ticket Voting
Coat Tails Effect

What will you be assessed on?

Week 2: Unit 5 Socialism 24 Mark Essay

Week 6: US vs UK Executive Powers 12 Mark Essay x2

Week 8: Unit 3 US Presidency 30 Mark non-source essay and Unit 3 Knowledge Test

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Spring Term

Paper 3 Unit 5 Democracy and Participation (US Parties)

1. The Republican Party beliefs, factions and changes over time
2. The Democratic Party beliefs, factions and changes over time
3. Coalition of voters
4. Political Polarisation
5. UK comparisons

Revision for mocks

Paper 1 and 2 all units

Paper 3 Unit 5 Democracy and Participation (US Interest Groups)

1. Functions and features of US interest groups
2. Methods of US interest groups
3. PACs and Super PACS
4. Elitism vs Pluralism
5. UK comparisons

Revision

Unit 5

Religious Right
Two Party System
RINO/DINO
Progressive Left
Pluralism
Elitism
Coalition of supporters
Revolving Door Syndrome
Iron Triangle
Single Issue
Lobbying

Unit 5

Grassroots
Olson's Law of Large Groups
Direct Action
Free rider problem
Hyperpluarlist theory

Mock Exams- Full 2 hour Paper 1:

1x 30 mark source essay
1 x 30 mark non-source essay
1 x 24 mark ideologies essay

Mock Exams- Full 2 hour Paper 3 (shared both teachers):

2x 12 mark comparison
2 x 30 mark non-source essay

Week 20: Paper 1 Unit 5 Conservatism 24 Mark Essay

Week 21: Unit 3 knowledge test

Week 22: Unit 5 US Parties 30 mark non-source essay

Week 25: US vs UK Interest Groups 12 Mark essay x2

Week 26: Unit 5 Knowledge Test

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Summer Term

Revision

Make use of the core knowledge sheets, prechewed and weekly case studies to assist with revision

You will be encouraged to write timed questions as revision for feedback

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