



Politics Curriculum Map

Why do we teach Politics?

A Political education is vital for young people to understand how power is distributed and how they can influence society. Politics gives them an understanding of the institutions of government, how democracy works and how it could be improved. It gives them an understanding of how society itself runs and the positives and negatives of our current systems and parties. By studying political philosophy it gives students a basis to understand the ideologies behind our political system and different approaches. By comparing the UK political system with the US it allows for the students to understand the positives and negatives of each system. Politics is vital for students to understand how society operates.

How do we teach Politics? (Key concepts and skills)

In Politics we teach the students

1. The key concepts behind our political institutions (eg representative vs direct democracy, parliamentary sovereignty, rule of law)
2. How these political institutions have changed and adapted over time and in response to new challenges
3. The positives and negatives of the political institutions and approaches
4. Case studies and examples from history all the way up to current affairs and how they tie into these areas
5. Analysing and evaluating case studies and examples

What do we teach in Politics?

The key theme in Politics is Power. We look at the following in depth

1. How democracy underpins political power in our parties and direct democracy
2. How power is distributed between the different institutions of UK government
3. The different ideological basis for how power should and is distributed through Conservatism, Liberalism, Socialism and Feminism
4. The comparison of how power is distributed in the UK and US

How is Politics personalised for our learners?

Politics is personal. We ensure that each student is given the opportunity to develop their voice to express their own political opinions, both through party politics and personal opinion.

Alongside this we ensure that we link Politics to the local context by looking at the records of local MP's and political issues that have affected the local community eg the campaign to save Lewisham Hospital and the voting record of our local MP, Ellie Reeves. We explicitly explore issues around representation in politics and how to address this. We also choose to study Feminism as we feel this is a key issue to address within the context of single sex schooling.



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Year 12	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	
Key content	UK Democracy and Participation UK Constitution Conservatism	UK Political Parties UK Parliament Liberalism	UK Electoral Systems UK Executive and Prime Minister Socialism	UK Voting Behaviour and the Media UK Relations between branches Feminism	UK Key Debates and issues Ideologies exam questions	Introduction to US and Comparative Politics
Key concepts & skills	➤ <i>Key concepts for each unit are on knowledge organisers</i>	➤ <i>Key concepts for each unit are on knowledge organisers</i>	➤ <i>Key concepts for each unit are on knowledge organisers</i>	➤ <i>Key concepts for each unit are on knowledge organisers</i>	➤ <i>Essay Structure</i> ➤ <i>Source Structure</i> ➤ <i>Structuring an argument</i>	➤ <i>US Politics Key principles</i> ➤ <i>Comparative Theories</i>
Summative Assessment	Timed essay questions	Timed essay questions	Timed essay questions	Timed essay questions	Year 12 Mock: Unit 1 and Unit 2	
Builds on		UK Politics Units Conservatism	UK Politics Units Modern Liberalism Neo-Liberalism	UK Politics Units Liberal Feminism	Exam technique for all political ideologies questions	All UK Politics units for comparative theories
Builds towards	Third Way Socialism UK Political Parties USA Politics & Comparative Approaches	Liberal Feminists UK Politics USA Politics & Comparative Approaches	Socialist Feminism UK Politics USA Politics & Comparative Approaches	UK Politics USA Politics & Comparative Approaches	Unit 1 Exam Unit 2 Exam	US Politics Units in Year 13



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Key content	US Constitution and Federalism Comparative approaches with UK	US Democracy and Participation Comparative approaches with UK	US Congress and Presidency Comparative approaches with UK	US Supreme Court and Civil Rights Comparative approaches with UK	Unit 1 Revision Unit 2 Revision Unit 3 Revision Ideologies Revision
Key concepts & skills	➤ <i>Key concepts for each unit are on knowledge organisers</i>	➤ <i>Key concepts for each unit are on knowledge organisers</i>	➤ <i>Key concepts for each unit are on knowledge organisers</i>	➤ <i>Key concepts for each unit are on knowledge organisers</i>	➤ <i>Key concepts for each unit are on knowledge organisers</i>
Summative Assessment	Timed Unit 3 essays	Unit 1 and Unit 2 full mock exam	Timed Unit 3 essays	Unit 1, Unit 2 and Unit 3 full mock exams	A-Level Examinations
Builds on	UK Constitution Liberalism	UK Democracy and Participation Liberalism	UK Parliament UK Executive and Prime Minister	UK Relations between branches	Entire Course
Builds towards	All US Units Unit 3 Exam	All US Units Unit 3 Exam	All US Units Unit 3 Exam	All US Units Unit 3 Exam	