



POLITICS: Curriculum Overview

Year 12

Term	Topic studied	What will I learn?	How will I be assessed?	Wider reading:
Year 12 Autumn- Unit 1 (LFR): UK Politics	Democracy and Participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current systems of democracy in the UK. • Widening the franchise and debates over suffrage. • Pressure groups and other influences. • Rights in context. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge test • Source question 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-chewed articles. • Regular reading of newspapers. • Regular watching of news and politics programmes.
Year 12 Autumn- Unit 2 (JCH): UK Government	UK Constitution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The nature and sources of the UK Constitution. • How the constitution has changed since 1997. • The role and powers of devolved bodies in the UK, and the impact of this devolution on the UK. • Debates on further reform. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge test • Essay question 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-chewed articles • Regular reading of newspapers • Regular watching of news and politics programmes
Year 12 Autumn- Unit 3 (CHC):	US Constitution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nature of the US Constitution • The main principles and characteristics • US Federalism • Comparison with the UK 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge test • Essay question 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-chewed articles • Regular reading of newspapers • Regular watching of news and politics programmes

<p>Year 12 Spring- Unit 1 (LFR): UK Politics</p>	<p>Political Parties</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The functions and features of political parties • Established political parties • Minority parties in the UK • Political parties in context 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge test • Essay question • Source question 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-chewed articles • Regular reading of newspapers • Regular watching of news and politics programmes
<p>Year 12 Spring- Unit 2 (JCH): UK Government</p>	<p>Parliament</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The structure and role of the House of Commons and House of Lords. • The comparative powers of the House of Commons and House of Lords. • The legislative process. • The ways in which Parliament interacts with the Executive. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge test • Source question 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-chewed articles • Regular reading of newspapers • Regular watching of news and politics programmes
<p>Year 12 Spring- Unit 3 (CHC): US Politics</p>	<p>Congress</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The structure of Congress • The functions of Congress • Comparison with the UK 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge test • Essay question 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-chewed articles • Regular reading of newspapers • Regular watching of news and politics programmes
<p>Year 12 Summer- Unit 1 (LFR): UK Politics</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Electoral systems 2. Voting behaviour and the media. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Different electoral systems • The functions of elections in the UK • Referendums in the UK 2. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social factors which affect voting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mock exam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-chewed articles. • Regular reading of newspapers. • Regular watching of news and politics programmes.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case studies of three general elections • The influence of the media • The political context of voting behaviour 		
Year 12 Summer-Unit 2 (JCH): UK Government	Prime Minister and the executive and topic review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role and structure of the executive • Main powers of the executive • Collective and individual ministerial responsibility • Relationship between the PM and the cabinet • Powers of the PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mock exam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-chewed articles • Regular reading of newspapers • Regular watching of news and politics programmes
Year 12 Summer-Unit 3 (CHC): US Politics	US Presidency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The presidency and the Constitution • Formal sources of presidential power • Informal sources of presidential power • Debates on the presidency • Comparisons with the UK 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mock exam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-chewed articles • Regular reading of newspapers • Regular watching of news and politics programmes