



## Year 12 Politics Curriculum Map

<b>Overview</b>	<p>The Year 12 course focuses on an introduction to key political concepts in the UK and introduces comparative theory with the USA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Paper 1 Part 1 an introduction to the course and investigating the role of UK parliament. This introduces many of the key political conventions and theories, revolving around the British Constitution and how it changes.</li> <li>▪ Paper 1 Part 2 shifts the focus into political participation across a wider spectrum in the UK, including the judiciary and the EU. Students will develop skills of analysis and evaluation across both themes and evaluate three key UK elections to consolidate their understanding.</li> <li>▪ Paper 2 compares and evaluates the principles and structures learned against the structures of the US Constitution.</li> </ul>					
<b>Year 12</b>	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
<b>Topic</b>	Paper 1 The Government of the UK	Paper 1 The Government of the UK	Paper 1 Democratic history and structure in the UK	Paper 1 UK Democracy and contemporary issues	Paper 2 Comparative Politics – The USA	Paper 2 Comparative Politics – The USA
<b>Knowledge</b>	The structure and role of Parliament, sources and nature of the British Constitution.	The Prime Minister, The Cabinet, legislature, executive and Devolution 1979 Election	Democracy & Participation, enfranchisement, Parties and Structure, Elections, 1997 and 2024 Elections	Voting Systems and Referendums, The Judiciary Pressure Groups and the EU	Constitutional framework of US government, legislature, executive and judicial, landmark rulings	Year 12 Mocks and feedback. Work experience, Electoral process, legislature, executive colleges and democracy. Political parties, pressure groups, lobbyists and Civil Rights
<b>Skills</b>	<b>Develop</b> knowledge and an informed understanding of contemporary political structures and issues in their historical context, within the UK	<b>Develop</b> the ability to critically analyse, interpret and evaluate political information to form arguments and make judgements	<b>Knowledge</b> recall from across Unit 1. Consolidation of knowledge and, Evaluation. Application to three election case studies	<b>Develop</b> a critical awareness of the changing nature of politics and the relationships between political ideas, institutions and processes. <b>Develop</b> knowledge and an informed understanding of the rights and responsibilities of individuals and groups	<b>Analyse</b> aspects of politics and political information, including in relation to parallels, connections, similarities and differences.	<b>Knowledge</b> building on concepts/knowledge developed in Paper 1 Mock.

<b>Assessment</b>	Introduce 9 mark Questions and structure Key questions MPS/Scrutiny/ Constitution	Introduce Essay and Extract based questions and structure, esp Prime Minister and Cabinet	Assessment by past paper questions including 9 mark, Extract Response and Essays esp Voting Behaviour and Election outcomes	Assessment by past paper questions including 9 mark, Extract Response and Essays esp Pressure Groups and Supreme Court	Assessment by 9 mark questions esp Nature of US Constitution, Role of Executive and Congress	Assessment by Extract and Essay esp Supreme Courts, Landmark Rulings and Pressure Groups
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