

Year 13 Curriculum Grid

Government & Politics

Year/Term	Unit	Intent
Autumn	Political	Main areas studied:
Term 2022	Ideologies	
		Liberalism
		Conservatism
		Socialism
		Nationalism
	US	The historical setting of the Constitution
	Government &	The nature of the US Constitution
	Politics – The	Key features of the US Constitution
	US	Main characteristics of US Federalism
	Constitution/	Interpretations and Debates around the Constitution/Federalism
	Federalism	Comparing the UK and US Constitutions
		Homework: Pre-chewed Politics sheets, Cornell notes, Research projects, etc.
		Key Concepts and Skills: Description, Analysis, Evaluation, Judgement, Balanced Argument, Inference, Compare and Contrast
Spring Term		Main areas studied:
2023		
2025	The US	The structure of Congress
	Congress	 The functions of Congress
		 Interpretations and Debates around Congress
		 Comparing Congress with the UK Parliament
	The US	Formal sources of presidential power
	Presidency	 Informal sources of presidential power
		 The presidency
		 Interpretations and Debates around the US presidency
		 Comparing the US and UK executive branches
		The nature and role of the Supreme Court
	The Supreme	 The appointment process of the Supreme Court
	Court and civil	 The Supreme Court and public policy
	rights	 The protection of civil liberties and rights in the USA today
		 Race and rights in contemporary US politics
		 Interpretations and Debates around the US Supreme Court and civil rights
		 Comparing protection of rights in the USA and the UK
		Homework: Pre-chewed Politics sheets, Cornell notes, Research projects, etc.
		Key Concepts and Skills: Description, Analysis, Evaluation, Judgement, Balanced Argument, Inference, Compare and Contrast

Summer		Main areas studied:
Term		
2023	US	Electoral systems in the USA
	Democracy	Key ideas/principles of the Republican and Democratic Parties
	and	Interest groups
	Participation	Interpretations and Debates around US democracy and participation
		Comparing the UK and US democracy
	Revision	 Revision of all units throughout period of study (Year 12 and 13) and exam technique practice.
		Homework: Pre-chewed Politics sheets, Cornell notes, Research projects, etc.
		Key Concepts and Skills: Description, Analysis, Evaluation, Judgement, Balanced Argument, Inference