



POLITICS CURRICULUM PLAN

BIG IDEAS: In this subject we aim to engender a love of Government and Politics embedded with academic rigour. The study of Politics in the United Kingdom should (as stated by C. Wright Mills) ‘fulfil the promise of social sciences by providing students with the information they need to make sense of the world around them.’ As teachers we will seek to teach the topic with *imagination* and *rigour*. Through inspiring the intellectual inquisitiveness of our learners through debate, discussion and a contemporary focus on current political issues we will assist them in writing accurately and precisely about Government and Politics in the United Kingdom based on a firm foundation of knowledge.

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In Year 12 our students study UK Government and Politics. They investigate how Politics is conducted in the UK in Unit 1 and the organisation of UK Government in Unit 2. They also study the core Political ideologies of the UK.	UK Government and Politics Unit 1: Democracy and Participation Unit 2: The Constitution	UK Government and Politics Unit 1: Political parties Unit 2: Parliament	UK Government and Politics Unit 1: Electoral systems Unit 2: The Prime Minister and the Executive	UK Government and Politics Unit 1: Voting behaviour and the media Unit 2: Relations between the different branches of government	Political ideologies Conservatism Liberalism	Political ideologies Socialism Feminism
Wider/Super Curriculum	In year 12 we broaden our student’s participation and understanding of government and politics through: A visit to Parliament and The Supreme Court of the United Kingdom . By inviting speakers to the College to speak to our students: our local MP , a local member of the House of Lords and a leading figure in the Civil Service have all spoken to our students in recent years. There is also a Debating Society that is run on a weekly basis which has participated in County level debating competitions. Politics is a diverse qualification and compliments other subjects such as History, Business, Economics and Sociology. Politics is also a subject that opens up doors to other subjects at degree level such as Philosophy and Law.					

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In Year 13 our students study the Government and Politics of the US. In this comparative study they investigate the similarities and differences between the political systems of the UK and the USA.	<p>Comparative Politics: Government and Politics of the USA</p> <p>Unit 3: The US Constitution and Federalism</p> <p>The US Congress</p>	<p>Comparative Politics: Government and Politics of the USA</p> <p>Unit 3: The US Presidency</p> <p>A comparison between the Constitution, Legislature and Executive of the US and UK</p>	<p>Comparative Politics: Government and Politics of the USA</p> <p>Unit 3: The US Supreme Court and Civil Rights</p> <p>US Democracy and Participation</p>	<p>Comparative Politics: Government and Politics of the USA</p> <p>Unit 3: A comparison between the Supreme Court and Democracy and Participation of the US and UK</p>	<p>Exam skills, revision and review</p> <p>After Easter in Year 13 lessons focus on revision and review of prior topics with an emphasis on the examination skills required for the final exams.</p>	
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