

KS5 Government and Politics Curriculum Overview

KS5	Term One	Term Two	Term Three	Term Four	Term Five	Term Six
Y12	<p>1- Democracy and Participation</p> <p>I. Current systems of representative and direct democracy</p> <p>II. A wider franchise and debates over suffrage</p> <p>III. Pressure Groups and other influences</p> <p>IV. Rights in context</p> <p>2- Political Parties</p> <p>I. Political parties</p> <p>II. Established political parties</p> <p>III. Emerging and minor UK political parties</p> <p>IV. UK political parties in context</p>	<p>3- Electoral Systems</p> <p>I. Different electoral systems</p> <p>II. Referendums and how they are used</p> <p>III. Electoral systems analysis</p> <p>4- Voting Behaviour and the Media</p> <p>I. Case studies of three general elections (1979, 1997, 2010)</p> <p>II. The factors that explain the outcome of these elections (class, gender, age, turnout, trends, techniques etc.</p> <p>III. Analysis of the national voting behaviour patterns for these elections</p> <p>The Assessment of the role and impact of the media on</p>	<p>5- The Constitution</p> <p>I. The nature of the UK sources</p> <p>II. How the constitution has changed since 1997</p> <p>III. The role and powers of devolved bodies, and the impact of devolution in the UK</p> <p>IV. Debates on further reform</p> <p>6- Parliament</p> <p>I. The structure and role of the House of Lords and the House of Commons</p> <p>II. The comparative powers of the House of Lords and</p>	<p>7- Prime Minister and Executive</p> <p>- The structure, role, and powers of the Executive</p> <p>- The concept of ministerial responsibility</p> <p>- The Prime Minister and cabinet</p> <p>8- Relations between the branches</p> <p>- The Supreme Court and its interactions with the legislative and policy making processes</p> <p>- The Relationship between the Executive and Parliament</p>	<p>9- Liberalism</p> <p>I. Core ideas and principles</p> <p>II. Differing views and tensions within Liberalism</p> <p>III. Liberal thinkers and their ideas</p> <p>10- Conservatism</p> <p>I. Core ideas and principles</p> <p>II. Differing views and tensions within Conservatism</p> <p>III. Conservative thinkers and their ideas</p>	<p>11- Socialism</p> <p>I. Core ideas and principles</p> <p>II. Differing views and tensions within Socialism</p> <p>III. Socialist thinkers and their ideas</p> <p>12- Feminism</p> <p>I. Core ideas and principles</p> <p>II. Differing views and tensions within Feminism</p> <p>III. Feminist thinkers and their ideas</p>



		<p>politics – both during and between key general elections, including the importance and relevance of opinion polls,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. media bias and persuasion. 	<p>the House of Commons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> III. The legislative process IV. The ways in which Parliament interacts with the Executive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The aims, role, and impact of the EU - The location of sovereignty in the UK political system 		
Y13	<p>13- The US constitution and Federalism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The nature of the US Constitution - The key features of the US Constitution and an evaluation of their effectiveness today - The main characteristics of US federalism - Interpretations and debates around the US Constitution and federalism <p>14- US Congress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. The structure of Congress 	<p>15- US Presidency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Formal sources of presidential power - Informal sources of presidential power - The presidency - Debates and interpretations of US presidency <p>16- US Supreme Court and US Civil Rights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The nature and role of the Supreme Court - The appointment process for the Supreme Court - The Supreme Court and public policy 	<p>17- US Democracy and Participation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Electoral systems in the USA - Presidential elections and their significance - Campaign finance - Key ideas of the Republican and Democratic Parties - Interest groups in the USA <p>18- Comparative Theories</p>	Revision	Revision	



	<p>II. The functions of Congress</p> <p>III. Legislative</p> <p>IV. Oversight</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The protection of civil liberties and rights in the US today 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Theoretical approaches; understand the similarities and differences between UK and USA structural, rational, and cultural approaches - Similarities and differences in the UK and USA - Comparison of the UK and USA Constitutions 			
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