



## Politics Curriculum Overview - Year 12

	Unit	Details
Autumn One	<b>UK Government &amp; Politics: Constitution &amp; Parliament</b>	In an introduction to the course, Pupils learn about how the UK constitution has evolved over many centuries and the role of parliament. They explore the significance of the Commons and Lords, as well as the powers they have in the legislative process.
	<b>UK Government &amp; Politics: Prime Minister &amp; Democracy</b>	We examine the role of the Prime Minister and their relationship with the cabinet. Pupils will also research past Prime Ministers to establish their key successes and failures while in office. In addition, we look at the role of the Chartists and Suffragettes movements in expanding suffrage as a human right.
Autumn Two	<b>UK Government &amp; Politics: Devolution &amp; European Union</b>	We analyse the roles, powers and responsibilities of the different devolved bodies in the UK and the impact of the EU on UK politics and decision-making.
	<b>UK Government &amp; Politics: Electoral systems and referendums</b>	Pupils analyse and evaluate the characteristics of different systems used in parliamentary elections and elections to the devolved bodies in the UK. In addition, we examine the nature and use of referendums and their impact.
Spring One	<b>UK Government &amp; Politics: Voting behaviour</b>	Pupils will research and analyse the outcome of general election campaigns since 1979 to establish patterns of voting behaviour and the influence of the media, party leadership and party policies.
	<b>UK Government &amp; Politics: Judiciary</b>	We explore the role of the UK Supreme Court and its impact on government, the legislature and policy process.
Spring Two	<b>UK Government &amp; Politics: Pressure groups</b>	Pupils explore the power of pressure groups in the UK and the influence they have on elected representatives.
	<b>UK Government &amp; Politics: Political parties</b>	Pupils will analyse the origins, ideas and development of both mainstream and minor parties within the UK political system. This includes a focus on party structures, funding and factions that exist within parties.
Summer One	<b>Political Ideas: Conservatism</b>	We explore the core values of conservatism in relation to human nature, society, the role of the state and the economy with the use of topical examples and key thinkers.
	<b>Political Ideas: Liberalism</b>	We explore the core values of liberalism in relation to human nature, society, the role of the state and the economy with the use of topical examples and key thinkers.
Summer Two	<b>Political Ideas: Socialism &amp; Preview of Year 13</b>	We explore the core values of socialism in relation to human nature, society, the role of the state and the economy with the use of topical examples and key thinkers. We also complete some preparatory work on US Government and Politics in advance of our studies in Year 13.