



Politics Curriculum Overview - Year 13

	Unit	Details
Autumn One	Political Ideas: Multiculturalism	We explore the core values of multiculturalism in relation to human nature, society, the role of the state and the economy with the use of topical examples and key thinkers.
	US Government & Politics: Constitution	We begin our study of US government and politics by learning about the constitutional framework of the US government, how this has evolved over time and make comparisons to the UK constitution.
Autumn Two	US Government & Politics: President	We explore the formal and informal powers of the President and the constraints on a President's ability to exercise these powers. Pupils will also research past Presidents to establish their key successes and failures while in office.
	US Government & Politics: Congress	We learn about the structure, role and powers of the US Congress and the representative role of senators and House representatives, comparing these to the UK parliament.
Spring One	US Government & Politics: Electoral process	We learn about the way Americans elect their President and representatives in Congress and analyse the outcomes of recent elections.
	US Government & Politics: Judiciary & Civil Rights	We look at the constitutional role of the US Supreme Court, the nature of its power and the appointment process of Justices. In addition, we research key landmark rulings of the Court and compare its role to that of the UK Supreme Court.
Spring Two	US Government & Politics: Political parties	Pupils learn about the two-party dominance in US politics and the core ideologies of the Republican and Democratic parties. Comparisons are made to UK political parties.
	US Government & Politics: Pressure group	Pupils explore the power of pressure groups in the USA and the influence they have on elected representatives.
Summer One	Exam preparation	We help to prepare the pupils for their final A-Level exams by revising the topics we have studied and building their confidence in answering exam-style questions.