

Politics KS5 Curriculum

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| | UK Government and Politics |
| | US Government and Politics |
| | Political Ideas |
| | Mastery |

Building on Key Stage 4

- Whilst the content of Government and Politics is new at KS5, and the development of new knowledge will be a key focus, students will be building on skills acquired at GCSE for their examinations. Students will be developing their ability to communicate detailed, developed and relevant knowledge (AO1), as well as their ability to explain and analyse this knowledge in relation to a key question (AO2).
- Students will also be building on their evaluative skills from GCSE, specifically their ability to form strong and substantiated judgements (AO3).

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| 12 AS | Government | UK Constitution: The Nature of the British Constitution and Devolution. | The EU: The European Union and the structure and role of Parliament. | Cabinet and Judiciary: The role and significance of the PM, Cabinet and Supreme Court. | US Constitution: Nature and amendments of Constitution in comparison to UK. | US Constitution: Nature and amendments of Constitution in comparison to UK. | US Supreme Court and Senate: Effectiveness of the Supreme Court and comparison to UK. |
| | Politics | Elections and Referendums: Democracy, Participation, Elections and Referendums. | Political Parties: Organisation and structure of the main UK Political Parties. | Pressure Groups and Judiciary: Impact of pressure groups on democracy. | US Electoral Systems and Voting: Electoral systems, presidential elections and voter turnout. | US Political Parties and Pressure Groups: Significance of political parties and impact of pressure groups. | Paper 1: UK Government and Politics Mock Exam |
| 13 A2 | Government | US Congress and Presidential Power: Role and function of Congress and comparison to UK Parliament. | Liberalism: Core Ideology 1. Origins and features of Liberalism. | Conservatism: Core Ideology 2. Origins and features of Conservatism. | UK and US Government and Politics: Mastery of Knowledge and Skill. | UK Government and Politics: Paper 1 Examination | US Government and Politics: Paper 2 Examination |
| | Politics | US Protection of Rights: Effective protection of rights and comparison with the UK. | Socialism: Core Ideology 3. Origins and features of Socialism. | Feminism: Other Ideology. Origins, features and the changing nature of Feminism. | Political Ideas: Mastery of Knowledge and Skill. | Political Ideas: Mastery of Knowledge and Skill. | Political Ideas: Paper 3 Examination |

Assessment Objective

The exams will measure how students have achieved the following assessment objectives.

- AO1: Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of political institutions, processes, concepts, theories and issues.
- AO2: Analyse aspects of politics and political information, including in relation to parallels, connections, similarities and differences.
- AO3: Evaluate aspects of politics and political information, including to construct arguments, make substantiated judgements and draw conclusions.