

Politics Curriculum Overview

2023 – 2024

Department Name:	Politics
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Accommodation and Resources:	Teaching is delivered in 2 classrooms located next to one another. Each classroom is equipped with the appropriate text book and materials for the students. The rooms are also located near ICT facilities.
What will students learn in each year?	
Year 12	<p>Term 1:</p> <p>Democracy and participation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classical and representative democracy Exploring the concept of a participation crisis Understanding how the vote has been extended over history <p>Political parties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understanding the origins of the established UK political parties Beginning to understand parties' stances on policies Researching and exploring emerging parties
	<p>Term 2:</p> <p>Electoral systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understanding the different systems of voting and where they are used Being able to analyse the different electoral systems <p>Voting behaviour and the media</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be able to explain what factors affect whether people will vote and who they will vote for Explore the context of three different elections (1979, 1997 and 2010).
	<p>Term 3:</p> <p>Liberalism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understanding the core principles and ideas of the theory Look at the different types of liberals Explore the various liberal thinkers and how they have influenced the ideology <p>The constitution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understand the basic principles of the constitution Analyse the debates surrounding the British constitution Be able to define the different types of constitutions

	<p>Term 4: Liberalism continued...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding the core principles and ideas of the theory • Look at the different types of liberals • Explore the various liberal thinkers and how they have influenced the ideology <p>Parliament</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss the role of parliament • Explore how parliament interlinks with the concepts of accountability and scrutiny • Understand the composition of parliament
	<p>Term 5: Conservatism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding the core principles and ideas of the theory • Look at the different types of conservatives • Explore the various conservative thinkers and how they have influenced the ideology <p>Prime Minister and Executive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the role and powers of the Prime Minister. • Be able to explain the structure of the executive and how it links to parliament • Explore the concept of responsibility in relation to MPs.
	<p>Term 6: Conservatism continued...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding the core principles and ideas of the theory • Look at the different types of conservatives • Explore the various conservative thinkers and how they have influenced the ideology <p>Relations between institutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discover what the fusion and separation of powers mean and how it links to politics • Look at the creation and adaptation of the Supreme Court. • Understand how different political institutions are connected and the reasons behind this
Year 13	<p>Term 1: Socialism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding the core principles and ideas of the theory • Look at the different types of socialists • Explore the various socialist thinkers and how they have influenced the ideology <p>The state and globalization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the characteristics of a nation-state • Be able to explain the process of globalization while considering the advantages and disadvantages
	<p>Term 2 Socialism continued...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding the core principles and ideas of the theory • Look at the different types of socialists • Explore the various socialist thinkers and how they have influenced the ideology <p>Global governance</p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political and economic governance • Understand the key institutions related to globalization • Analyse each institution in terms of their impact on globalization
	<p>Term 3</p> <p>Nationalism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding the core principles and ideas of the theory • Look at the different types of nationalists • Explore the various nationalist thinkers and how they have influenced the ideology <p>Global governance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human rights and environmental • Understand the development of human rights • Explore the different approaches and solutions that have been adopted to tackle climate change.
	<p>Term 4:</p> <p>Power and developments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussing different types of power • Looking at the idea of super powers in a unipolar, bipolar and multipolar world <p>Regionalism and the EU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring the different forms of regionalism • Focusing on European enlargement and integration • Supranationalists VS intergovernmentalists <p>Comparative theories</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theories of society: Realism, Liberalism
	<p>Term 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exam preparation and revision.

