Politics

Year 12

Half Term 1

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| Number of Hours | Topic |
| 3 | Relationship between the branches The Supreme Court |
| 3 | Judical Independence |
| 3 | Judicial Review Ultra Vires |
| 3 | The EU |
| 3 | Four Freedoms |
| 3 | ECJ |
| Reasons behind order of topic in this half term | |
| The Supreme Court in the UK leads into the role of the ECJ and debates over sovereignty. This topic also links with the Constitution. We do teach Paper 2 before Paper 1 as the constitution and the structure of Government is crucial to understanding the UK Political System. | |

Politics

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Half Term 2

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| Number of Hours | Topic |
| 3 | The executive The structure PM and Cabinet |
| 3 | Ministerial Responsibilty |
| 3 | Collective resposibilty |
| 3 | Relationship between PM and Cabinet |
| 3 | PM styles Cabinet or PM Government |
| 3 | PM case studies Margaret Thatcher, John Major, Tony Blair |
| Reasons behind order of topic in this half term | |
| After gaining an understanding of the basics of the UK political system, we look in depth at the prime minister and Cabinet as a central focus of government. | |

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Half Term 3

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| Number of Hours | Topic |
| 3 | Democracy and Participation Representative vs Direct Democracy |
| 3 | Electoral Systems FPTP |
| 3 | Majority systems AV and SV |
| 3 | Proportional Systems PL, AMS, STV |
| 3 | Arguments for and against Reforms |
| 3 | Referendums |
| Reasons behind order of topic in this half term | |
| We look at voting and how democracy works, starting with an understanding of First Past the Post, including its advantages and disadvantages. Then we explore other systems used in the UK for other elections and the advantages/disadvantages of changing the system. | |

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Half Term 4

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| Number of Hours | Topic |
| 3 | Voting Behaviour and the Media |
| 3 | Class, Gender , Age, Ethnicity |
| 3 | Rational Choice voting |
| 3 | Class and party de alignment |
| 3 | Influence of the Media |
| 3 | Case Studies of 1979, 1997 and 2010 |
| Reasons behind order of topic in this half term | |
| We begin with an understanding of the important factors is Psephology (study of elections) and then look at 3 specific elections as case studies. | |

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Half Term 5

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| Number of Hours | Topic |
| 3 | Socialism |
| 3 | Core Ideas and Principles History |
| 3 | Communism vs Capitalism |
| 3 | Differing views and Tensions within Socialism |
| 3 | Marxism – the Third way |
| 3 | Key Thinkers |
| Reasons behind order of topic in this half term | |
| We start with the history of Socialsim and then look in detail at the different strands of the idealogy and the impact on policy in the UK. This is a more developed topic on ideology, so students need to be able to reflect on their knowledge of the British system from before. | |

Half Term 6

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| Number of Hours | Topic |
| 3 | Feminism Core Ideas |
| 3 | Sex and Gender |
| 3 | Patriarchy |
| 3 | The personal is Political |
|  | Key Thinkers |
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| Reasons behind order of topic in this half term | |
| We start with the history of Feminism and then look in detail at the different strands of the idealogy and the impact on policy in the UK. | |

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| Reasons behind order of topics in this Year |
| This is the British element of the course and contains much of Paper 1 and 2. Feminism is paper 3. We follow this as it mirrors the US system in year 13 which is then studied comparitively. |