

# Curriculum Map Politics



ST ANTHONY'S & ST AIDAN'S  
CATHOLIC SIXTH FORM

## Paper 3: Topic 6 Comparative approaches

Throughout studying Paper 3, pupils compare the US and UK political system. In Topic 6 they solidify this knowledge through comparative theories to investigate rational, cultural and structural differences.

### Exam Preparation



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## Paper 3: Topic 5 – Democracy and Participation

As in their study of UK politics, pupils investigate the role of external influences such as interest groups, the Electoral college, and PACs on the US system

## Paper 3: Topic 3 US Presidency

With reference to presidencies since 1992, pupils look at the powers of the US president and Executive and factors which empower or imperil a President

## Paper 3: Topic 2 - Congress

Building on knowledge of the Constitution and Supreme Court, pupils then look at the role, make up and powers of Congress in the US



## Paper 3: Topic 4 - Supreme Courts and Civil Rights

Pupils study the role of the Supreme Court in the US political system, how its members are appointed and its role in interpreting the Constitution and developing civil rights

## Paper 3: Topic 1 - US Constitution

Studies of the US political system start with the US Constitution and the status it has. Pupils also investigate federalism and the impact this has on the strength of the US Constitution.



## Paper 2: Non- Core Ideologies: Feminism

Core ideas and principles of Feminism are covered, as well as the differing views and tensions within this ideological branch. A case study of key thinkers in this are is undertaken.



## Paper 1: Core Ideologies: Socialism

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## Paper 1: Core Ideologies: Liberalism

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## Paper 1: Core Ideologies: Conservatism

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## Paper 1 : Topic 1 – Democracy and Participation

Topic 1 focuses on direct democracy, the role of interest groups and the rights of UK citizens. This is studied at the end of module to help pupils make links between all of their prior learning.

## Paper 1: Topic 2 - Political Parties

Pupils move on to study how political parties operate in the UK system, investigating the organisation and ideology of the Conservative and Labour parties, as well as the role of smaller parties.

## Paper 1: Topic 3 – Electoral Systems

In Topic 3, pupils look at the impact our electoral system has on representation, as well as the use of different electoral systems around the UK. Pupils also look at referendums and how these are used in a representative democracy.



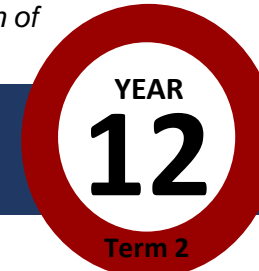
## Paper 1: Topic 4 – Voting Behaviour and the Media

Pupils undertake 3 case studies of general elections to explain the impact of voting behaviour, as well as the influence of the media on UK politics.



## Paper 2: Topic 4 – Relations between the branches

Pupils then go on to look at how the different branches of government interact with each other, with an in-depth study of the Supreme Court, the impact of the European Union and the location of sovereignty in the UK political system. Pupils will build upon all of their learning for Paper 2 to allow them to make links about each distinct branch of government and how they interact with each other.



## Paper 2: Topic 2 – Parliament

Topic 2 focuses on how the UK Parliament operates, the relative powers of the two Houses, the legislative system and how Parliament interacts with the Executive



## Paper 1: Topic 1 – Democracy and Participation

At the beginning of Term 1 pupils look at systems of representative democracy and direct democracy, linking closely with their studies on the Constitution.



## Paper 2: Topic 1 – The UK Constitution

Pupils begin their journey by examining the importance of the nature and sources of the UK Constitution and how it has developed over time, looking in depth at reforms over the last 30 years, including devolution and Brexit.. This gives pupils a knowledge of the foundation of the UK political system, which the rest of the course builds upon.

If you do not take an interest in the affairs of your Government then you are doomed to live under the rule of fools. *Plato*

