

KS5 – Year 12 – Politics

Term	Topic Titles	Brief Overview
1	1. Electoral Systems	Students will investigate in detail how people and politics interact in the UK. They will explore the development of the UK's democratic system, across the four nations of the United Kingdom and the different political systems used by each nation. Students also learn about the individual in the political process, the concepts of direct and indirect democracy, and the individual's relationship with the state and their fellow citizens, and study patterns in voting behaviour and the influence the media has on political choices and the political parties and groups that exist in the UK.
	2. Democratic Participation	
	3. Voting Behaviour and the Media	
	4. Political Parties	
2	1. The constitution	Students develop an understanding of the UK Government, since it enables students to understand where, how and by whom political decisions are made. And the set of rules governing politics in the UK, the UK constitution.
	2. Parliament	
	3. Prime Minister and executive	Students also develop an understanding of the specific roles and powers of the different major branches of the government – legislative, executive, and judiciary – as well as the relationships and balance of power between them, and consider where sovereignty now lies within this system.
	4. Relations between the branches.	
3	Liberalism Conservatism Socialism Nationalism	Students study the three core political ideologies: Liberalism, Conservatism and Socialism, and one of the six optional non-core ideologies. They discover the history of these ideologies, the key philosophers and thinkers which developed these political ideologies, and the similarities and differences between 5 different thinkers within each ideology in regards to their position and beliefs on the role of human nature, the state, society and the economy.