

Overall Curriculum Goals					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To have an in-depth critical understanding of the operations of British politics in context of historical and current climates. Introduction to American politics. 					
Half Term 1	Half Term 2	Half Term 3	Half Term 4	Half Term 5	Half Term 6
<p>Students will be learning an introduction to AQA Politics, outlining the foundations of the subject. Students will then begin the content for Paper 1 of the AQA course, Government and Politics of the UK. Topics include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Democracy and participation The constitution 	<p>Students will continue the content for Paper 1 of the AQA course, Government and Politics of the UK. Topics include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elections and referendums Parliament 	<p>Students will continue the content for Paper 1 of the AQA course, Government and Politics of the UK. Topics include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Political parties The Executive 	<p>Students will continue the content for Paper 1 of the AQA course, Government and Politics of the UK. Topics include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pressure Groups UK Supreme Court 	<p>Students will continue the content for Paper 1 of the AQA course alongside revising for the year 12 Finals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EU and Revision for Finals Devolution and revision for Finals. 	<p>Students will commence the learning for Paper 2 of the AQA course, Government and Politics of the USA. Topics include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Democracy and participation US Constitution
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<p>Democracy and Participation: Democracy, direct democracy, referendums, initiatives/ propositions, recall elections, participation, franchise, reform act, compulsory voting, constituencies, marginal constituencies, Brexit, apathy, alienation, suffragettes, suffragists, voting, electoral participation, pressure groups, first past the post, proportional representation,</p> <p>The Constitution: Codified constitution, Uncodified constitution, separation of powers, federalism, fusion of powers, supreme court, monarchy, royal prerogative, magna carta, statute law, common law, media, voting behaviour, convention, sovereignty, House of Common, House of Lords, rule of law, unitary state, human rights, constitutional reform, fixed term Parliament Act, House of Lords Act, devolution, Constitutional reform Act.</p>	<p>Parliament: House of Commons, House of Lords, legislature, Parliament, frontbencher, backbencher, parliamentary privilege, division, whip, Hereditary peer, life peer, peer, confidence and supply, confidence motion, Salisbury doctrine, Act of Parliament, bill, green paper, public bill, white paper, public bill committee, committee of the Whole House, EVEL, private members' bill, secondary legislation, accountability, question time, the opposition, select committee, delegate, trustee, constituency, parliamentary rebellion, motion of no confidence, mandate, manifesto,</p> <p>Elections and referendums: by-election, majoritarian system, plurality system, proportional system, hybrid system, first past the post, additional member system, single transferable vote, supplementary vote, alternative vote, safe seat, marginal constituency, tactical voting, protest voting, adversarial politics, electoral reform, referendum, dealignment, rational choice theory, economic voting theory, media influence, campaign, apathy, alienation, opinion polls, sleaze.</p>	<p>Political Parties: Mandate, manifesto, mandate theory, Salisbury doctrine, political spectrum, left wing, right wing, minor parties, niche parties, mainstream parties, coalition, dominant party system, single party system, multi-party system, 2 party system, conservatism, liberalism, socialism, neo-liberalism, social democracy, democratic socialism, new right, New Labour, Compassionate Conservatism, party conferences, hustings, open primaries, all-women shortlists, short money, Cranborne money, plutocratic revenue, loopholes, PPERA, PPEA,</p> <p>The Executive: executive, cabinet, department, minister, Prime Minister, primary legislation, secondary legislation, Royal Prerogative, coalition, majority government, minority government, hung parliament, 10 Downing Street, Prime Ministers' Office, patronage, core executive, bilateral meeting, cabinet office, cabinet committee, collective responsibility, individual ministerial responsibility, Secretary of State, civil servant, special adviser, spin doctor.</p>	<p>Pressure Groups: Pressure groups, special interest, public interest, causal groups, sectional groups, insider and outsider status, lobbying, direct action, think tanks, social media activism, slacktivism, participation, representation, education, revolving door syndrome, iron triangles, cosy clubs, Cambridge Analytica, astroturfing.</p> <p>UK Supreme Court: Judiciary, Supreme Court, Court of Appeal, High Court, Crown Court, County Court, Magistrates Court, Tribunals, Constitutional Reform Act 2005, qualifying practitioner, composition, Lord Chancellor, Elitism, Law Lords, Lords of Appeal, Rule of law, judicial independence, judicial neutrality, politicisation, anonymity, judicial review, Common law, ultra vires, ECHR, HRA, derogation, Gina Miller cases, unelected, authority, prorogation.</p>	<p>The European Union: Intergovernmentalism, supranationalism, qualified majority voting, enlargement, economic and monetary union, unanimity, Euroscepticism, free movement of people, Brexit, customs arrangement, monetary union, single European market, European Commission, European Council, Council of the European Union, Court of Justice of European Union, democratic deficit, multilevel governance, sovereignty, globalisation, exchange rate mechanism, black Wednesday, EEC, EU, ECSC, Maastricht treaty, Amsterdam treaty, Nice treaty, Lisbon treaty, EU referendum, common agricultural policy, Factortame, common fisheries policy,</p> <p>Devolution: Devolution, primary legislative powers, referendums, MSP, Holyrood, Stormont, Welsh Assembly (Senedd), Scottish Independence, reserved powers, Wales Acts, Scotland Acts, Good Friday Agreement, nationalism, unionism, West Lothian question, EVEL (English votes for English Laws), quango, metro mayor, local authority, local council, quasi-federal, unitary state, union state, federalism, policy divergence.</p>	<p>Democracy and Participation: Elections, Presidential elections, Gubernatorial election, mid-term election, Congressional election, Senate, Congress, House of Representatives, executive, constitution, invisible primary, primary and caucus, media, fundraising, war chest, front-runner, frontloading, super Tuesday, turnout, apathy, super-delegates, peer review, smoke filled rooms, vice president, party unity, party conventions, balanced ticket, party platform, brokered convention, acclamation, campaign finance, post-convention bounce, FECA, Citizens united vs FEC, Bipartisan campaign reform act, Buckley vs Valeo, PACs and Super PACs, televised debates, campaigning, October surprise, incumbency, Electoral College, third parties, minor parties, independents, direct election, proportional election, ranked choice voting, coattails, split-ticket voting, propositions, initiatives, recall elections,</p> <p>The US Constitution: Codified, entrenchment, amendments, checks balances, federalism, Bill of Rights, separation of powers, impeachment, pardon, bipartisanship, dual federalism, cooperative federalism, new federalism, supremacy clause, commerce clause, elastic clause, block grants, unfunded mandate, structural theory, cultural theory, rational theory, devolution.</p>
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<p>Weekly debating society.</p> <p>Introduction to MOOCs early in year 12: MOOC.org Massive Open Online Courses An edX Site</p> <p>Paths of past students</p> <p>Job links:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Social researcher - Social worker - Family lawyer - Counsellor - Mediator - Teacher 	<p>Weekly debating society.</p> <p>A Level Politics podcast: The A Level Politics Show on Apple Podcasts</p> <p>Job links:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Politician - Government adviser - Advertising executive - Journalist - Teacher 	<p>Weekly debating society.</p> <p>A Level Politics podcast: The A Level Politics Show on Apple Podcasts</p> <p>Job links:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Politician - Government adviser - Journalist - Teacher 	<p>Weekly debating society.</p> <p>A Level Politics podcast: The A Level Politics Show on Apple Podcasts</p> <p>Job links:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Politician - Government adviser - Journalist - Teacher 	<p>Weekly debating society.</p> <p>A Level Politics podcast: The A Level Politics Show on Apple Podcasts</p> <p>Debbie Abrahams MP summer school opportunity. Summer School Debbie Abrahams MP</p> <p>Job links:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Politician - Government adviser - Journalist - Teacher 	<p>Weekly debating society.</p> <p>A Level Politics podcast: The A Level Politics Show on Apple Podcasts</p> <p>Job links:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Politician - Government adviser - Journalist - Teacher

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To have an in-depth critical understanding of the operations of American politics in context of historical and current climates with comparisons to the UK made. To have a deep knowledge and understanding of philosophical developments of politics through the ideologies of liberalism, socialism, conservatism and feminism. 					
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Students will continue the content for Paper 2 of the AQA course, Government and Politics of the USA. Topics include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Democracy and participation US Constitution Congress 	Students will continue the content for Paper 1 of the AQA course, Government and Politics of the USA. Topics include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Political parties Executive 	Students will continue the content for Paper 1 of the AQA course, Government and Politics of the USA. Topics include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pressure Groups Judiciary 	Students will commence the learning for Paper 3 of the AQA course, Political Ideas. Topics include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Civil Rights Liberalism Conservatism 	Students will continue the content for Paper 3 of the AQA course, Political Ideas. Topics include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Socialism Feminism Revision 	Revision opportunities depending on timing of examinations.
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Concepts started in final half term of year 12, House of Representatives, Senate, Congressional district, Article 1 of Constitution, Power of oversight, Impeachment, Constitutional amendment, War powers act 1974, Standing committee, House rules committee, Conference committees, Select committees (investigative), Unanimous consent agreement, Filibuster in the Senate, Cloture motion, Nuclear option, Presidential veto, Pocket veto, Trustee model, Delegate model, Divided government, Pork barrel politics, Gridlock, Party unity votes, Partisanship, Congressional caucuses.	<p>US Political Parties: Party organisation, national committees, ideology, polarisation, issues, gender, race, class, education, geographic region, bible belt, urban vs rural, religion, evangelical vote, New Christian Right, two-party system, FPTP, third parties, co-optation, media, ballot access laws, party decline, party renewal, Democrats, Republicans, campaign finance,</p> <p>The US Executive: Executive, veto, chief executive, commander in chief, negotiate treaties, pardon, cabinet, EXOP/ EOP, White House staff, chief of staff, OMB (office of management and budget), NSC (national security council), Presidential persuasion, executive orders, recess appointments, imperial presidency, imperilled presidency, foreign policy, public approval, check and balances, incumbency</p>	<p>US Pressure Groups: Pressure groups, pluralism, education, representation, participation, elitism, sectional groups, causal groups, agenda building, electioneering and endorsement, lobbying, 'dirty dozen', NAACP, NRA, AFL-CIO, AIPAC, AARP, Chamber of commerce, abortion rights, Roe vs Wade, Planned Parenthood, EMILYs list, iron triangles, revolving-door syndrome, plutocracy, Occupy movement, Grassroots activity, House of Representatives, Senate, Congressional district,</p> <p>US Supreme Court: Federal courts, Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, District Courts, strict constructionists, loose constructionist, originalist, living constitution, capital punishment, vacancy, confirmation process, politicisation, judicial review, rights and liberties, equal protection clause, judicial activism, judicial restraint, first amendment, second amendment, eight amendment, abortion, Roe vs Wade, marriage equality, unconstitutional, quasi-legislative.</p>	<p>US Civil Rights: Affirmative action, separate but equal, Bill of rights, 14th Amendment, slavery, 13th Amendment, 15th Amendment, 24th Amendment, voting rights act, civil rights act, immigration reform, LGBTQ rights, same-sex marriage, DOMA, Bill of Rights,</p> <p>Liberalism: Rational, mechanistic theory, enlightenment, human nature, John Locke, John Stuart Mill, egotistical individualism, society, economic liberalism, classical liberalism, neo-liberalism, the state, state of nature, negative liberty, positive liberty, consent, social contract, tolerance, harm principle, foundational equality, meritocracy, legal equality, equality of opportunity, equality of outcome, limited government, laissez-faire capitalism, Mary Wollstonecraft, Jeremy Bentham, developmental individualism, John Rawls, enabling state, liberal democracy, social liberalism, Betty Friedan, Friedrich Von Hayek,</p> <p>Conservatism: Conservatism, politics of maintenance, change to conserve, tradition, status quo, human imperfection, Thomas Hobbes, Michael Oakeshott, Robert Nozick, Ayn Rand, hierarchy, property, paternalism, noblesse oblige, authority, order and authority, nation-state, elite, capitalism, Thatcher, new right, Edmund Burke, one nation conservatism, fascism, atomism, individualism, compassionate conservatism, Brexit,</p>	<p>Socialism: Socialism, inequality, utopian socialism, fraternity and cooperation, collectivism, Karl Marx, Friedrich Engels, social class, social justice, common ownership, mixed economy, capitalism, fundamentalist socialism, democratic socialism, classical Marxism, historical materialism, orthodox communism, Chairman Mao, democratic centralism, vanguard party, Rosa Luxemburg, Beatrice Webb, Fabian society, Clause IV, evolutionary socialism, gradualism, revisionist socialism, social democracy, Anthony Crosland, Keynesian economy, Anthony Giddens, Third way.</p> <p>Feminism: Feminism, sex, gender, equality, essentialism, patriarchy, androgyny, radical feminism, socialist feminism, liberal feminism, private sphere, public sphere, Simone de Beauvoir, intersectionality, Bell Hooks, reserve army of labour, Sheila Rowbotham, Charlotte Perkins Gilman, discrimination, glass ceiling, Kate Millett, Germaine Greer, reformist, cultural feminism, socialist feminism, post-modern feminism.</p>	
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<p>Weekly debating society.</p> <p>Reminder of MOOCs as part of applications for university: MOOC.org Massive Open Online Courses An edX Site</p> <p>A Level Politics podcast: The A Level Politics Show on Apple Podcasts</p> <p>Job links:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Politician - Government adviser - Journalist - Teacher 	<p>Weekly debating society.</p> <p>Politics trip to Parliament for year 13.</p> <p>A Level Politics podcast: The A Level Politics Show on Apple Podcasts</p> <p>Civil service apprenticeships: Apprenticeships Civil Service Careers (civil-service-careers.gov.uk)</p> <p>Job links:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Politician - Government adviser - Journalist - Teacher - Civil servant 	<p>Weekly debating society.</p> <p>MOCK revision support: Introduction: Crash Course U.S. Government and Politics - YouTube</p> <p>A Level Politics podcast: The A Level Politics Show on Apple Podcasts</p> <p>Job links:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Politician - Government adviser - Journalist - Teacher 	<p>Weekly debating society.</p> <p>Amend: The Fight for America Episode 3 Netflix - YouTube</p> <p>Michael Sandel lecture series - Justice Michael J. Sandel (harvard.edu)</p> <p>A Level Politics podcast: The A Level Politics Show on Apple Podcasts</p> <p>Job links:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Politician - Government adviser - Journalist - Teacher 	<p>Weekly debating society.</p> <p>Amend: Episode 5 - Women's Rights</p> <p>A Level Politics podcast: The A Level Politics Show on Apple Podcasts</p> <p>Job links:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Politician - Government adviser - Journalist - Teacher 	<p>A Level Politics podcast: The A Level Politics Show on Apple Podcasts</p> <p>Debbie Abrahams MP summer school opportunity. Summer School Debbie Abrahams MP</p>