

Subject: Politics		Year Group: Year 12
Term 1 Key Focus/Topic(s) The Constitution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The nature and sources of the UK constitution, How the constitution has changed since 1997, The role and powers of devolved bodies in the UK, and the impact of this devolution on the UK Democracy and participation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current systems of representative democracy and direct democracy, A wider franchise and debates over suffrage 	Term 2 Key Focus/Topic(s) The Constitution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Debates on further reform Parliament <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The structure and role of the House of Commons and House of Lords, The comparative powers of the House of Commons and House of Lords and the Executive Democracy and participation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pressure groups and other influences, Rights in context Political parties <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Political parties, Established political parties 	Term 3 Key Focus/Topic(s) Parliament <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The legislative process, The ways in which Parliament interacts with the Executive Prime Minister and Executive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The concept of ministerial responsibility, The Prime Minister and the Cabinet Political parties <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emerging and minor UK political parties, UK political parties in context UK Elections and Voting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Different electoral system, Referendums and how they are used, Electoral systems analysis
Term 1 Assessment Opportunities: Introduction to 30 mark response	Term 2 Assessment Opportunities: Introduction to 30 mark source essay response	Term 3 Assessment Opportunities: 30 mark source and essay responses
Term 4 Key Focus/Topic(s) Prime Minister and Executive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The concept of ministerial responsibility, The Prime Minister and the Cabinet UK Elections and Voting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Different electoral systems, Referendums and how they are used, Electoral systems analysis 	Term 5 Key Focus/Topic(s) Relations between Institutions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Supreme Court and its interactions with, and influence over, the legislative and policy-making process, The relationship between the Executive and Parliament, The aims, role and impact of the European Union (EU) on UK government, The location of sovereignty within the UK political system Voting Behaviour and Media <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class voting and other social factors influencing voting patterns, Case studies of three key general elections, The influence of the media 	Term 6 Key Focus/Topic(s) A-Level Mock Exams and Preparation UK Politics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Source (30mark), Essay (30 mark) Revision and exam preparation UK Government <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Source (30mark), Essay (30 mark) Revision and exam preparation
Term 4 Assessment Opportunities: 30 mark source and essay responses	Term 5 Assessment Opportunities: 30 mark source and essay responses	Term 6 Assessment Opportunities: Mock Examinations; UK Politics and UK Government

Rationale:

Lesson time has been split evenly between UK Politics and UK Government. All topics are ordered to develop knowledge and understanding throughout the course and develop assessment specific skills.

Evaluation:

As a department the best structure for Years 12 and 13 is constantly in discussion in light of the new linear specification and this will continue. Student progress and outcomes are consistently measured against assessment and mock exam performance.