



Politics: Curriculum Overview

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| Half Term | Topic studied | What will I learn? | How will I be assessed? |
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| Term 1 Autumn UK Politics Ms Harward | UK Democracy & Participation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current systems of democracy in the UK • Widening the franchise and debates over suffrage • Pressure groups and other influences • Rights in context | Assessment |
| | Political Parties | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The functions and features of political parties • Established political parties • Minority parties in the UK • Political parties in context | |
| Term 1 Autumn UK Government Mrs Desmond | The UK 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 • Debates on further reform | Assessment |
| | 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 • The legislative process • The ways in which Parliament interacts with the Executive | Assessment |
| Term 2 Spring UK Politics Ms Harward | Electoral systems | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Different electoral systems • The functions of elections in the UK • Referendums in the UK | Assessment |

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| Term 2 Spring UK Government Mrs Desmond | The Prime Minister and the executive | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role and structure of the executive • Main powers of the executive • Collective and individual ministerial responsibility • Relationship between the PM and the cabinet • Powers of the PM | Assessment |
| Term 3 Summer UK Politics Ms Harward | Voting Behaviour and the media | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social factors which affect voting • Case studies of three general elections • The influence of the media • The political context of voting behaviour | Assessment |
| | Political Ideas: Liberalism | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Core ideas and principles of liberalism and how they relate to human nature, the state, society and the economy. • Differing views and tensions within liberalism • Liberal thinkers and their ideas • John Locke (1632-1704) • Mary Wollstonecraft (1759–97) • John Stuart Mill (1806-73) • John Rawls (1921-2002) • Betty Friedan (1921-2006) | |
| Term 3 Summer UK Government Mrs Desmond | Relations between the branches | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supreme Court and the legislative and policy-making process • The relationship between the executive and parliament • Aims, role and impact of the European Union on UK government • Location of sovereignty in the UK political system | Assessment |