

Year 13 Politics

Year Calendar Plan		
Dates	Lesson Focus	Assessment/Revision
Term 1	<p>Topic 3: Prime Minister and Executive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Structure, role and powers of the Executive Ministerial responsibility- collective and individual PM and Cabinet Power of the PM and Cabinet Factors in selecting ministers Factors affecting PM power/ relationship between PM and Cabinet PM Power Case Studies: 1945-97 and post-'97 <p>Topic 4: Relations between branches</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supreme Court- role, principles, legislative role, influence on policy-making Relationship between Executive and Parliament- effectiveness of Parliament in holding govt. to account, changing power balance EU- aims, role and impact on UK government Location of sovereignty in the UK- legal and political 	PC1:23-27 September PM and Executive
Term 2	<p>US Constitution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The nature of the US Constitution The principles of the US Constitution Interpretations and debates around the US Constitution <p>Constitution:Comparisons to the UK - Similarities and differences between each constitution, their nature, sources, provisions, separation of powers, checks and balances</p> <p>Federalism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The main characteristics of US federalism Interpretations and debates around the US Constitution and federalism <p>Comparisons to the UK – how far the UK model of devolution parallels the US federal system</p>	PC2 18-22 Nov (full paper in exam hall) US Constitution, Paper 1 Content
Term 3	<p><u>Week 1</u> Constitution Comparisons to the UK- Similarities and differences between each constitution, their nature, sources, provisions, separation of powers, checks and balances</p> <p>Federalism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The main characteristics of US federalism Interpretations and debates around the US Constitution and federalism <p>Comparisons to the UK – how far the UK model of devolution parallels the US federal system</p> <p><u>Week 2</u> US Congress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The structure of Congress and powers The functions of Congress <p><u>Week 3</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interpretations and debates around Congress <p><u>Week 4</u> Comparisons to the UK – membership of each House in each country, power of each House, relationship between the two houses in each system</p> <p><u>Week 4</u> US Presidency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formal sources of presidential power as outlined in the US Constitution and their use Informal sources of presidential power and their use <p><u>Week 5</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The presidency. Interpretations and debates of the US presidency. <p><u>Week 6</u> Comparisons to the UK – role and power and limitations of the President and Prime Minister, extent of accountability to legislature US Democracy and participation</p>	PC3: 20-24 Jan Paper 2: UK Constitution, Parliament Paper 3:US Congress and Constitution

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Term 4	<p><u>Week 1</u> US Supreme Court and civil rights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nature and role of the Supreme Court The appointment process for the Supreme Court The Supreme Court and public policy <p><u>Week 2</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The protection of civil liberties and rights in the US today Race and rights in contemporary US politics Interpretations and debates of the US Supreme Court and civil rights <p><u>Week 3</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comparisons to the UK – the basis for their power, impact on government and policy, relative independence of each Court, effectiveness of rights protection in each country, impact/effectiveness of interest groups in protecting rights 	<p>PC 4: 2-13 March Paper 1: Ideologies, UK Supreme Court Paper 3: US President, US Supreme Court</p>
	<p><u>Week 4</u> US Democracy and Participation Electoral systems in the USA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presidential elections and their significance Campaign finance <p><u>Week 5</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Debates surrounding elections in the USA including the electoral college and the role of incumbency <p>The key ideas and principles of the Democratic and Republican parties</p> <p><u>Week 6</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The distribution of power and changing significance of the parties The current conflicts and tendencies and changing power and influence that exist within the parties Coalition of supporters for each party Debates surrounding party unity, party policy and voting groups 	<p>Comparative Assessment Practice</p> <p>Comparative Assessment Practice</p>
Term 5	<p><u>Week 1</u> Interest groups in the USA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Their significance, resources, tactics and debates about their impact on democracy <p>Comparisons to the UK – nature of the party system, degree of unity within major parties, policy profiles, debates around campaign finance, methods and extent of influence of pressure groups</p> <p><u>Weeks 2-5</u></p> <p>Revision: Paper 1- UK Politics and Core Ideologies(liberalism, conservatism and socialism) Paper2- UK Government and Non-core Ideologies(anarchism) Paper 3: USA/UK Comparative</p>	<p>Exam Practice</p>
Term 6		