

Key Stage 5 Politics Curriculum Overview

Year 12	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarity of definition • Logical argument • Evaluation of argument • Understanding opposing views • Discussing and debating • Extended essay writing • Comparing and contrasting theoretical views and applying them to debates 					Effective revision Analysing source material Ongoing review of understanding and recall to ensure progress
Knowledge	UK Politics: Political parties UK Government: Parliament	UK Politics: Voting behaviour and media UK Government: The Constitution	UK Politics: Elections UK Government: Prime Minister and Executive	UK Politics: Democracy UK Government: Relations between branches	UK Politics: Democracy UK Government: Relations between branches Revision	Revision Source based questions
Alive and British Values	<p>British values: Significant consideration is given through the course to questions of democracy, liberty (via the study of liberalism), the rule of law, justice and fairness</p> <p>Questioning: Politics consistently requires the questioning of opposing views</p> <p>Communication: Clarity of written and verbal communication and willingness to debate views is critical to success</p> <p>Justice and respect: The study of democracy, human rights and the judiciary raise multiple questions in this area and the subject as a whole requires respect for diversity of views</p> <p>Research: Encouragement of wider reading and independent study</p> <p>Planning / Review: Focus on independent learning skills and the planning of their learning and time management alongside ongoing review of understanding and recall to ensure progress</p>					
Assessment	Topic tests Essays Targeted questioning in class	Topic tests Essays Targeted questioning in class	In class controlled assessment Topic tests Essays Targeted questioning in class	Topic tests Essays Targeted questioning in class	Topic tests Essays Targeted questioning in class	Mock exam Topic tests Essays Targeted questioning in class
Careers	Routes into politics, being an MP.	Media influence on politics and polling organisations. Political journalism.	Year 12 careers talk: routes into politics. Different kinds of MP/representative under different electoral systems.	Links between politics and the judiciary. Careers in the senior judiciary.	Pressure groups, corporations and think tanks and their role in UK politics. Lobbying.	

How will studying this subject in Key Stage Five build on learning from Key Stages Three and Four?:

Studying this subject in Key Stage Five will build on students' learning about the UK political system from Citizenship/Values in Practise in Key Stages Three and Four. It will also build on their learning about local, national and global issues from Key Stage Three and Four History and Geography.

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Careers	Working at the United Nations	Careers in global economic institutions: IMF, World Bank, WTO and key judicial bodies	Environmental journalism, environmental science, sustainable development, architecture/development	Careers in the European Union and regional bodies	Careers in the European Union and regional bodies	

How will studying this subject in Key Stage Five help students to make their unique contribution to the world?:

Students develop advanced essay writing skills, independent study skills and wider reading skills necessary for university courses. They develop a core knowledge and understanding of Politics and the evolving political environment in the UK and around the world which prepares those progressing to higher level study of this subject. Students also acquire strong critical thinking and discussion skills and are able to consider issues with a global outlook which is of huge benefit to students moving forward, whether this is in further education, the workplace or society in general.