

Subject:

Politics



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GRAMMAR SCHOOL

KS5 - Year 12 Curriculum Overview

Topics being taught

What you will be assessed on

How you can support at home

Autumn Term

UK politics

democracy and participation;
electoral systems; referendums;
voting behaviour and turnout

UK government

The UK Constitution; Parliament

Term 1

Baseline assessment

Constitution key terms

Exam questions on political
participation and electoral systems

Term 2

Exam questions on voting
behaviour and constitutional
reform

Follow us on Twitter at

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Visit the [People's History
Museum, Manchester.](#)

Access UK news and current
affairs from a range of sources.

Ask students what they have been
learning about.

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Spring Term

UK Politics

UK elections; political parties;
pressure groups; the European
Union

UK Government

Parliament; the Prime Minister and
Cabinet; the Supreme Court and
rights of citizens; devolution

Term 3

Exam questions on political parties
and Parliament.

Your first extract question.

Term 4

Exam questions on the Prime
Minister and Cabinet, and
devolution

Explore the [UK Parliament
website](#)

Read [the UCL Constitution Unit
blog.](#)

Engage in discussions about
politics and current affairs.

Take [the political compass](#)
together and discuss your results.

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Summer Term

UK politics

The European Union

US government

Introduction to the US system of
government; the US Constitution;;
Congress; the US Supreme Court;
comparisons between government
in the USA and the UK.

Term 5

Year 12 Finals

Term 6

Comparative question – US and
UK Constitutions

Comparative question – Congress
and Parliament

Support students with revision

Encourage students to use
[RealClearPolitics](#) for US politics news

Explore Politics super-curricular
resources on [Beyond A Level](#)

Encourage students to review their
year 12 files, focusing on preparing
for year 13.