

Year 12 Long Term Scheme of Learning 2025-26

Subject: Politics

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Date	Exams/ Assess	Politics of the UK Politics of the USA & Comparative Politics LBA	Politics of the UK Politics of the USA & Comparative Politics JLO
1/9/25		Paper 1: UK UK Constitution - The nature and sources of the Constitution - Principles that underpin the constitution - Debate surrounding constitutional reform Civil Rights - Constitutional protection of citizens' rights: HRA & statute Law - Individual and collective rights Devolution - Roles, powers and responsibilities of the devolved bodies in Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland	Paper 1: UK Participation and the nature of democracy - Representative and direct democracy - Extension of voting rights - Participation in politics Elections - Electoral systems, Westminster & Scotland - Case Studies of elections and referendums
8/9/25			
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6/10/25			
13/10/25			
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3/11/25		- English Devolution issues and debate - Impact of devolution The Judiciary - Supreme Court structure - Appointment process of judges - Judicial independence and neutrality - Power of Judicial review - Role of Supreme Court & Brexit	- Voting behaviour Parliament - Functions of Parliament - Roles of MPs - House of Lords
10/11/25			
17/11/25			
24/11/25			
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5/1/26		The EU - Aims of the EU - EU institutions and their functions - Impact of the EU on UK politics	- Relations with the executive The PM and Cabinet - Core Executive - Role of the PM
12/1/26			
19/1/26			
26/1/26			
2/2/26			
9/2/26			
23/2/26		Paper 2: USA & Comparisons The Constitution - Introduction: overview of the war of Independence, declaration of the rights of man and constitution - Separation of powers - Bill of Rights - Amendments process - Checks and balances - Federalism	- Relationship between PM and cabinet - Relationship to parliament
2/3/26			
9/3/26			
16/3/26			
23/3/26			
30/3/26			
20/4/26		- Comparing US and UK constitutional arrangements - Comparative theories	Pressure Groups - Typologies of Pressure Groups - Effectiveness
27/4/26			
4/5/26			

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11/5/26			Pressure Groups and democracy
18/5/26			
1/6/26		The Judiciary - SCOTUS powers and the Constitution - Appointments process & controversies - Composition of SCOTUS - Power of judicial review - Landmark rulings & The Bill of Rights	Paper 2: USA & Comparisons Introduction to the USA Political Parties - Republicans, Democrats and Third Parties - Internal divisions - Change over time
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