# Year 12 Long Term Scheme of Learning 2026-2027

## Subject: Politics

| National curriculum or specification coverage |
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| 7152/1 UK Government and Politics<br><br>7152/2 US and Comparative Politics |

| Date | Exams/Assess | Learning Intentions LBA | Learning Intentions JLO | Core Task |
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| 31/08/26 | | Paper 1: UK<br><br>**UK Constitution**<br>• The nature and sources of the Constitution<br>• Principles that underpin the constitution<br>• Debate surrounding constitutional reform<br><br>**Civil Rights**<br>• Constitutional protection of citizens' rights: HRA & statue Law<br>• Individual and collective rights<br><br>**Devolution**<br>Roles, powers and responsibilities of the devolved bodies in Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland | Paper 1: UK<br><br>**Participation and the nature of democracy**<br>• Representative and direct democracy<br>• Extension of voting rights<br>• Participation in politics<br><br>**Elections**<br>• Electoral systems<br>• Case Studies of elections<br>• Referendums<br>• Voting behaviour | Practice Exam Questions (9 marks) |
| 07/09/26 | | | | |
| 14/09/26 | | | | |
| 21/09/26 | | | | |
| 28/09/26 | | | | |
| 05/10/26 | | | | |
| 12/10/26 | | | | |
| 19/10/26 | | | | |
| 26/10/26 | HALF TERM | | | |
| 02/11/26 | | • English Devolution issues and debate<br>• Impact of devolution | | Government and Politics of the UK (1 hr 20 min split over 2 lessons) |
| 09/11/26 | | | | |

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| 16/11/26 | Y12 | **The Judiciary**<br>• Supreme Court structure<br>• Appointment process of judges<br>• Judicial independence and neutrality<br>• Power of Judicial review<br><br>Role of Supreme Court & Brexit | **Parliament**<br>• Functions of Parliament<br>• Roles of MPs<br>• House of Lords<br>• Relations with the executive | |
| 23/11/26 | Y12 | | | |
| 30/11/26 | | | | |
| 07/12/26 | | | | |
| 14/12/26 | | | | |
| 21/12/26 | CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY | | | |
| 28/12/26 | | | | |
| 04/01/27 | | **The EU**<br>• Aims of the EU<br>• EU institutions and their functions<br>• Impact of the EU on UK politics | **The PM and Cabinet**<br>• Core Executive<br>• Role of the PM | Practice Questions |
| 11/01/27 | | | | |
| 18/01/27 | | | | |
| 25/01/27 | | | | |
| 01/02/27 | | | | |
| 08/02/27 | | | | |
| 15/02/27 | HALF TERM | | | |
| 22/02/27 | | Paper 2: USA & Comparisons<br><br>**The Constitution**<br>• Introduction: overview of the war of Independence, declaration of the rights of man and constitution<br>• Separation of powers<br>• Bill of Rights<br>• Amendments process<br>• Checks and balances<br>• Federalism | • Relationship between PM and cabinet<br>• Relationship to parliament<br><br>**Pressure Groups**<br>• Typologies of Pressure Groups<br>• Effectiveness<br>• Pressure Groups and democracy | Practice Questions |
| 01/03/27 | | | | |
| 08/03/27 | | | | |
| 15/03/27 | | | | |
| 22/03/27 | | | | |
| 29/03/27 | SPRING BREAK | | | |
| 05/04/27 | | | | |

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| 12/04/27 | Y12 | • Comparing US and UK constitutional arrangements<br>• Comparative theories | **Pressure Groups**<br>• Typologies of Pressure Groups<br>• Effectiveness<br>• Pressure Groups and democracy | Government and Politics of the UK (2 hours split over 3 lessons) |
| 19/04/27 | | | | |
| 26/04/27 | | | | |
| 03/05/27 | | | | |
| 10/05/27 | | | | |
| 17/05/27 | | | | |
| 24/05/27 | | | | |
| 31/05/27 | HALF TERM | | | |
| 07/06/27 | | **The Judiciary**<br>• SCOTUS powers and the Constitution<br>• Appointments process & controversies<br>• Composition of SCOTUS<br>• Power of judicial review<br>• Landmark rulings & The Bill of Rights | Paper 2: USA & Comparisons<br><br>**Introduction to the USA**<br><br>**Political Parties**<br>Party Structures<br>Republican and Democratic Party policies<br>Decline of Party Power | Practice Questions |
| 14/06/27 | | | | |
| 21/06/27 | | | | |
| 28/06/27 | | | | |
| 05/07/27 | | | | |
| 12/07/27 | | | | |