



Politics

Examination Board

- EDEXCEL

Year 12 Course

Component 1

- UK Government and Politics
- Democracy and participation, Political parties, Electoral Systems, Voting behaviour and the media, The UK Constitution, Parliament, Prime Minister and the executive, Relations between branches

Component 2

- Core Ideologies: Socialism Conservatism, Liberalism: looking at key thinkers, views, tensions and developments within each ideology

Year 13 Course

Component 3

- USA politics comparative study
- US Constitution and Federalism, US Congress, US Presidency, US Supreme Court and civil rights, US democracy and Participation
- non-core ideology Nationalism/Feminism

Note this is a linear course with all exams being held at the end of Year 13

Extra-curricular supportive activities

To continually keep up to date with current affairs and political news/developments
Today programme Radio 4 news broadcasts/ podcasts, political debate programmes such as Newsnight Marr on Sunday – some comedies such as Have I Got News for You – The Thick of it

Useful websites / reading materials

- Class textbooks – Politics Sarra Jenkins, John Jeffries, David Tuck
ISBN: 978-1398369160

Other resources:

- Tutor 2 u website, Quality News websites, Parliament website

Skills required

- Ability for independent study and reading relevant political events in the news
- Ability to learn specialist vocabulary
- Organisation
- Good level of communication skills/use of appropriate language
- Construct, develop and support views in discussion points



Recommended Study

- 3-4 hours per week (wider reading / reflecting on class work, practicing essay questions)
- familiarisation with specialist vocabulary)
- Keep up to date with developments in Politics by watching the news / relevant documentaries

Independent Study

- Reading over and going over class notes where appropriate
- Complete homework tasks on time
- Ensuring an up to date understanding of political events/news/debate as they happen

