Subject: Government & Politics

Kay Stage 5 Curriculum Plan

Year: 12

Department Information:

8 lessons a fortnight - supported by 2 extra dedicated study periods
September-February - Paper 1: UK Democracy
February - July - Paper 2: UK Government
Exam Board: Edexcel
Staff: Joseph Burrows and Jamie Furkins

Curriculum aims and intent:

A Level Politics develops students understanding of the decisions, policies and social and theoretical constructs that make up the political landscape of the UK and USA. Students explore a range of topics which range from civil rights to the influence of media upon voting patterns. In developing an awareness for the complexities of different political systems - students analyse evidence, evaluate interpretations and make reasoned judgments whilst gaining an appreciation of the world we live in. Students are expected to keep up to date with current affairs and be critical in their thought process.

Paper 1 focuses on the current issues in UK democracy - looking at voting systems and behaviour, the influence of various political parties and how our government represents all sectors of society.

Paper 2 meanwhile develops understanding of the functions of UK government - that being the constitution, Parliament, Prime Minister and the Supreme Court.

Both papers also ask students to consider political theories such as socialism and multiculturalism.

Assessment:

Summative: A combination of past paper questions will be utilised throughout Term 1 and Term 2 to formulate reporting data. A final grade at the end of the year will be completed using Mock Examinations that take place in June.

Formative: On going exam style practice with live feedback and questioning support students understanding of mark schemes and skills development.

Resources used to support learning:

Pearson Edexcel A Level Politics 2nd edition: UK Government and Politics, Political Ideas and US Government and Politics by David Tuck

Pearson Edexcel A Level UK Government and Politics Sixth Edition by Neil Mcnaughton

Home Learning:

Students will be expected to complete an exam question every fortnight alongside preparation for lessons through reading activities

Period 5 study - students will be set a booklet to complete with supplementary work to studies in class.

How parents can help their child:

Encourage regular revision and organisation

Support regular exam practice

Most importantly, supporting your child in singing up to relevant news and political podcasts.

Term	Summary of work being covered	Knowledge, Understanding and skills assessed	How the work is assessed	Career Links
1				
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