

## A Level Politics

### Curriculum content

Half term	Year 1	Year 13
<b>Autumn 1</b>	Introduction to politics UK Constitution UK Democracy and Political Participation Elections and referendums	Finish US President US Congress US Electoral Process and Direct Democracy Liberalism
<b>Autumn 2</b>	UK Parliament UK Political Parties UK Voting behaviour	Finish US Congress Finish US Electoral Process and Direct Democracy US Supreme Court and Civil Rights Socialism
<b>Spring 1</b>	UK prime minister and cabinet UK judiciary The EU	Finish US Supreme Court and Civil Rights US Parties US Pressure Groups Conservatism  <b>Mock exam (Paper 1 and 2)</b>
<b>Spring 2</b>	Finish parties, prime minister UK devolution UK pressure groups	Feminism (GRB) Comparative politics (RWH)
<b>Summer 1</b>	<b>Mock exam (Paper 1)</b>  US Constitution Paper 1 catch up	

<b>Summer 2</b>	Finish US Constitution Paper 1 catch up Liberalism US Congress US President	<b>Exams</b>
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## Skills

The skills developed throughout the course include:

- recalling detailed information accurately
- drawing together information from different areas of politics
- applying knowledge and understanding of political institutions, processes, concepts, theories and issues in practical and theoretical contexts
- analysing and evaluating a given statement using their knowledge and understanding of the issue
- comprehending and interpreting argument(s) contained in a piece of political information, using knowledge and understanding of the issue to analyse and evaluate those argument(s)
- maintaining a sustained line of reasoning, leading to a reasoned conclusion
- communicating with relevance, clarity and coherence
- identifying and substantiating parallels, connections, similarities and differences between aspects of politics

## Assessment

Internal assessment takes place in each unit of work throughout the course, and in line with the school's assessment policy. For the award of the qualification, this linear A level from AQA is examined entirely by examination at the end of Year 13. There are three papers, each equally weighted:

Paper 1 – Government and politics of the UK

Paper 2 - Government and politics of the USA and comparative politics

Paper 3 – Political ideas

Further details about the course can be found at <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/government-and-politics/as-and-a-level/politics-7152>