



Verulam School: Key Stage 5 CURRICULUM INFORMATION

Department: Politics

Subject Leader: Mr Jenkins

Subject Vision: In an age of misinformation and polarisation, politics curriculum will help students to form a well-balanced and highly informed understanding of the world in which they live. Students will learn to scrutinise political processes and structures in detail. They will develop the skills of critical source evaluation. They will be able to make well evidenced comparisons between the political systems of the US and UK. Finally, students will gain an understanding of a broad range of ideologies underpinning the study of politics.

Through regular discussion and debate, politics students will be given the opportunity to develop, articulate and defend their political opinions and to be able to communicate their analysis of current events. Alongside this they will be able to listen to, understand, and appreciate the different views of others. They will form the habit of always asking critical questions of the information they receive. Our curriculum and teaching aims to produce politically aware, informed and engaged citizens.

We want students to be able to navigate the best course for themselves through an understanding of power and influence in the 21st century and to appreciate how decisions are made that affect their lives.

YEAR 12						
Term	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Topic/Unit Title	U1 - Democracy and Participation U1 - UK Political Parties	U1 - Electoral Systems U2 - Liberalism	U1 - Voting behaviour and the media U2 - Conservatism	U3 - The constitution U2 - Socialism	U3 - Prime Minister and Cabinet U4 - Ecologism	U3 - Parliament U3 - Relations between institutions, including devolution and Parliament checking the executive
Assessment	30 mark essay from paper 1	30 mark and 24 mark essays from paper 1	Full paper 1	Full paper 2	Weakest essays – likely 24 mark	Thresholds - Full paper 1 and 2

	YEAR 13					
Term	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Topic/Unit Title	U5 – US Constitution and federalism U5 – US presidency	U5 – US Congress U5 – US federalism	U5 – US democracy and participation	U5 – US Supreme Court and civil rights	Revision	Exams
Assessment	12 marker and 30 marker	Full paper 3	Full paper 1	Full paper 2 and paper 3	N/A	N/A