POLITICS LEARNING JOURNEY

Understanding and Applying Politics Skills

Year 12 → Year 13

- Interpret political information
- Understand key political concepts
- Construct arguments
- Draw reasoned conclusions
- Use political vocabulary
- Comparative political analysis
- Evaluation of core political ideas

YEAR 12

Electoral systems Liberalism/Socialism

- Electoral system analysis
- Impact of systems on voter choice
- Different electoral systems

Voting behaviour & the media Socialism

- Referendums
- Case studies of 3 general elections
- Explanations of election outcomes
- Analysis of voting patterns
- Influence of the media

The Constitution Feminism

- Historical developments
- The constitution since 1997
- Devolution in the UK
- Feminist thinkers & their ideas

Political Parties Conservatism & Liberalism

- Socialist thinkers & ideas
- Core ideas of Socialism
- Differing views and tensions in Socialism
- Core ideas of Liberalism
- UK parties in context
- Emerging & minor parties
- Established parties
- Functions & features
- Core ideas of Liberalism
- Differing views and tensions
- Liberal thinkers & ideas
- Core ideas of Conservatism

Democracy & Participation Conservatism

- Rights in Context
- Pressure Groups
- Suffrage debates
- Representative & direct democracy
- Differing views and tensions
- Thinkers & their ideas

YEAR 13

Govt & Politics of the USA Prime Minister & executive

- Distribution of powers
- The functions of Congress
- Interpretations & debates around congress
- Powers of Prime Minister & cabinet to dictate events & determine policy
- Prime Minister & the Cabinet

Government & Politics of the USA Relations between the branches

- The structure of Congress
- Sources of presidential power
- The presidency
- Supreme court & legislative
- Interpretations & debates Around US Federalism
- Characteristics of US Federalism
- Executive & Parliament
- Principles of the US constitution
- Role of the EU
- Sovereignty
- Nature of the US Constitution

Government & Politics of the USA

- Interpretations & Debates of Supreme Court
- Electoral systems in the USA
- Interest groups in the USA
- Key ideas of Democratic & Republican parties
- Interpretations & debates of US democracy & participation

UK Parliament Prime Minister & Executive

- Structure of Houses of Commons & Lords
- Comparative powers of Houses of Commons & Lords
- Legislative process
- Parliament & executive
- Ministerial responsibility
- Structure, role & powers of The executive
- Further reform

Comparative approaches

- Comparison of democracy & participation in the UK & US
- Powers of each house in UK & US
- Theoretical approaches
- Similarities &differences In UK & USA
- Comparison of UK & US Supreme Courts & civil rights

Final A level exams

Examinations

Revision

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