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THE POLITICS A LEVEL

UNDERSTANDING POWER, PEOPLE AND IDEAS

EVER WONDERED WHO RUNS THE WORLD AND HOW?

A Level Politics explores the UK political system, comparative global politics, and political ideologies. It covers topics like democracy, the constitution, parliament, the role of the Prime Minister, and global institutions. Students learn about different political theories and ideologies, including liberalism, conservatism, and socialism, and analyse key political concepts such as power, authority, and legitimacy. The course also examines the role of the state in global politics, addressing international relations and key global issues.

UK POLITICS

Political Participation:

- Democracy and participation
- Political parties
- Electoral systems
- Voting behaviour and the media.

Core Political Ideas:

- Conservatism
- Liberalism
- Socialism.

UK GOVERNMENT

UK Government:

- The constitution, parliament
- Prime Minister
- Relationships between the branches

Non-core political ideas:

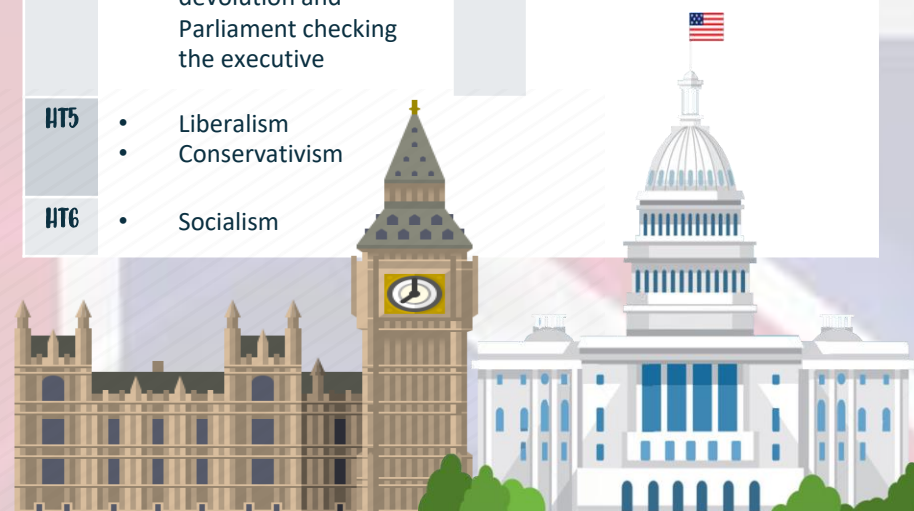
- Anarchism, ecologism, feminism, multiculturalism, nationalism.

COMPARATIVE POLITICS

USA Politics:

- The US Constitution and federalism
- US Congress
- US presidency
- US Supreme Court
- Civil rights

YEAR 1		YEAR 2	
HT1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Democracy and participation • Electoral systems 	HT1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The US Constitution • US presidency
HT2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UK Political Parties • Voting behaviour and the media 	HT2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • US democracy and participation
HT3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The constitution • Prime Minister and Cabinet 	HT3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • US Supreme Court and civil rights
HT4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parliament • Relations between institutions, including devolution and Parliament checking the executive 	HT4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • US Congress • US Federalism
HT5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liberalism • Conservatism 		
HT6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Socialism 		



HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

UK POLITICS

Political Participation

- Two 30-mark questions, using a source.

Core Political Ideas

- One 24-mark question.

UK GOVERNMENT

UK Government

- Two 30-mark questions, using a source.

Non-core Political Ideas

- One 24-mark question.

COMPARATIVE POLITICS

- Two 12-mark questions.
- Two 30-mark questions.

The Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Advanced GCE in Politics consists of three externally-examined papers.

All three exams are taken in Y13.

Each component is assessed with an external exam, each exam is worth 33% of the overall grade and is assessed by a 2 hour paper worth 84 marks each.

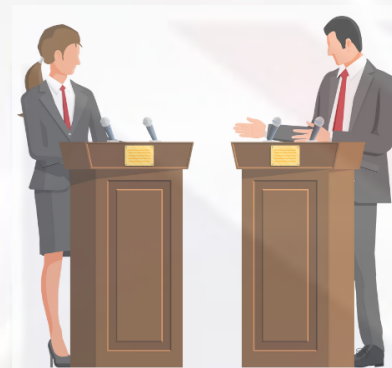
There is a range of short and long answer questions, with some choice on questions to answer. Each component is assessed for AO1, AO2 and AO3.

ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVES

AO1	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of political institutions, processes, concepts, theories and issues.
AO2	Analyse aspects of politics and political information, including in relation to parallels, connections, similarities and differences.
AO3	Evaluate aspects of politics and political information, including to construct arguments, make substantiated judgements and draw conclusions.

WHAT WILL THIS A LEVEL TEACH ME?

- An understanding of **political structures** and issues, the **UK** and **US**
- A critical awareness of the **relationships** between political ideas, institutions and processes
- An understanding of the **influences** on political decisions
- An understanding of the **responsibilities** of individuals and groups
- The ability to **critically** analyse, **interpret** and **evaluate** information



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