

SUBJECT	Politics		YEAR	13
<p>Why do we study Politics? The curriculum in Politics provides students with the knowledge to understand complex national and global power relationships and the ideas that underpin these. It prepares us to be active citizens in a constantly evolving political world.</p>				
What you will learn this year	What you have learned before	Where you can read more		
Comparative Government of the USA and UK				
<p>The significance of the US constitution in the 21st century in relation to federalism, rights and the separation of powers.</p> <p>The structure, roles and powers of the US Congress and its relationship with the other branches of power.</p> <p>The waxing and waning of presidential power over time and the factors that affect this.</p> <p>The power of the US Supreme Court in relation to interpreting the constitution and rights</p>	<p>The nature, sources and evolution of the UK Constitution</p> <p>Debates linked to devolution and membership of the EU in the UK</p> <p>The role of Parliament and how effectively it fulfils its representative, legislative and scrutiny functions</p> <p>The powers, limitations and relationship between the Prime Minister and Cabinet.</p> <p>The roles and powers of the UK Supreme Court and their impact on government, Parliament, policy and rights.</p>	<p>Politics Review Magazine (available in QSA and LRC)</p> <p>Broadsheet newspaper- The Times, Guardian, Telegraph, Independent, Economist</p> <p>Washington Post/New York Times/Time Magazine online/app</p> <p>Fire and Fury: Inside the Whitehouse by Michael Wolff</p> <p>The room where it happened: A Whitehouse Memoir by John Bolton</p> <p>A Promised Land by Barak Obama</p>		
Comparative Politics of the USA and UK				
<p>The processes around direct and indirect democracy in the US.</p> <p>The election systems, voting behaviour and debates around these.</p> <p>The development of the two main political parties and the impact of the party system in US politics.</p> <p>The role of pressure (interest) groups in US Politics.</p> <p>A synoptic view of rights linked to the US constitution, judicial interpretation and pressure groups.</p>	<p>The concept of democracy (indirect and direct) and the patterns and forms of participation within it.</p> <p>Different election systems, voting behaviour and the debates around these.</p> <p>The development and roles of political parties</p> <p>The role of pressure (interest) groups in British Politics</p> <p>Issues relating to the protection of individual as well as collective rights.</p>	<p>Politics Review Magazine (available in QSA and LRC)</p> <p>Broadsheet newspaper- The Times, Guardian, Telegraph, Independent, Economist</p> <p>Washington Post/New York Times/Time Magazine online/app</p> <p>American Carnage: On the front lines of a Republican civil war by Tim Alberta</p> <p>American Politics and Society by D McKay</p>		
Political Ideas				
<p>The development of Ecologism and its views on the relationship between humans and nature using key thinkers</p>	<p>The development of Liberalism, Conservatism and Socialism in relation to their views on human nature, society, the state and economy using key thinkers.</p> <p>Climate action and Sustainability in Geography</p>	<p>Politics Review Magazine (available in QSA and LRC)</p> <p>Ecologism: an introduction by Baxter B</p>		