		Autumn		Spring		Summer			
Year 12		Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6		
	Knowledge	Democracy and Participation focusing on different types of democracy, history of democracy in the UK, current issues with democracy Liberalism, ideology and key thinkers	Pressure groups, individual rights, political parties. Conservatism, ideology and key thinkers	Voting systems, elections, influence of the media. Socialism,ideology and key thinkers	Types of constitutions, UK devolution, Nationalism,ideology and key thinkers	Parliament, representation, legislative process, the cabinet, ministerial responsibility, Introductions to US politics; constitution and federalism	The Prime Minister, Supreme Court, Judicial independence Introductions to US politics; constitution and federalism		
	Skills	Students must comprehend and interpret political information in relation to areas of UK politics and core political ideas. They must fully understand, and critically analyse and evaluate areas of UK politics and core political ideas. They must identify parallels, connections, similarities and differences between content studied, providing a basis for comparing the UK with the USA and appreciating the UK's position in global politics. Students must construct and communicate arguments and explanations with relevance, clarity and coherence, and draw reasoned conclusions about UK politics and core political ideas. Students must develop knowledge and understanding of key political concepts. Students must use appropriate vocabulary.							
	Why	The topics covered focus on how our country works and the influences that have shaped its political institutions. It is vital to understand this in order to help students see why the country is the way it is and for them to develop thoughts on the pros and cons of UK politics and its workings. The ideologies studied help to show students much more detail of the influences affecting the country and the alternative perspectives that dominate UK political discourse, such as socialism and liberalism. All of these things will ultimately make them stronger as politically aware and active citizens in our community.							
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Year 13	Knowledge	Politics of the USA - Electoral process, electoral college, campaign finance, electoral reform, comparison with the UK.	Elections compared, political parties, voters, two-party system, interest groups, comparison with the UK.	Structure, powers and function of Congress, comparison with UK Parliament.	Representation, role and powers of Congress, comparison with UK Parliament. US President, relationship with other institutions, comparison to the Prime Minister.	Revision				
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		In order to have a strong understanding of our place in the world politically, it is important for students to be able to have detailed and intricate knowledge of political situations in another country. As arguably our closest friend and ally, the US is a fantastic country to focus upon as their political structure and systems are related and similar in many ways, but with some striking contrasts. Students, in order to consider careers in international relations or politics in the future, will benefit greatly from being able to understand the workings of the US system and the modern history of US politics. Being able to compare our two systems of government is also vital in order to understand where the UK sits politically with its friends and neighbours.								
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