

Politics- Year 13	
Autumn 1 (September- October)	<p>Powers of the US President (USA Government and Politics) Students will look at the sources of Presidential Power, appointments they can make, and the Presidential Veto. We will look at formal and informal powers, and the President’s influence in passing legislation through Congress. Students will assess the constraints on Presidential Power and look at how the power of the President waxes and wanes over time. We will then evaluate whether Presidency is imperial.</p> <p>US Congress (USA Government and Politics) Students will look at how Congress is structured and its roles and powers. They will evaluate how representative it is to US Society and how effectively Congress fulfils its functions. They will look at the strengths and weaknesses of the House of Representatives and the Senate and the relationship that Congress has to the executive and the legislature.</p>
Autumn 2 (October- December)	<p>US Political Parties (USA Government and Politics) Students will look at the Democrat and Republican Parties and study their key values and ideas. They will look at how these parties have changed over the past 50 years and evaluate how relevant and healthy the parties are, and the role that minor parties play. Students again will compare the two party system in America to the electoral system and parties in the UK.</p> <p>Liberalism and Conservatism (Ideologies) This forms part of the Core Ideologies section of the course. Students will look at the origins and ideals of Liberalism and Conservatism and study key influential people in the development of the ideologies.</p>
Spring 1 (January- February)	<p>US Judiciary (USA Government and Politics) Students will look at how Supreme Court judges are selected and appointed and the nature of Judicial power in the US. They will look at landmark rulings made and compare the Supreme Courts in the USA and UK. A significant case study we will look at is regarding the debate over abortion.</p> <p>Socialism and Anarchism (Ideologies) Socialism is the third core Ideology and Anarchism is our option choice. Again, students will look at the origins and ideals of these ideologies and their development, studying key figures in the growth of these movements.</p>

<p>Spring 2 (February- March)</p>	<p>US Civil Rights (USA Government and Politics) The final topic is looking at the Landmark rulings by the Supreme Court that have fundamentally changed the Civil Rights of people in USA. We will look at how rights are protected in the USA and the role Pressure Groups play, as well as look at incarceration rates. We will then compare to the Civil Rights and Liberties in the UK.</p>
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