

# NKS Politics Curriculum Map 2021~~0~~



## Year 12

Prior to commencing A Level Politics will have studied at least one GCSE humanities subject. An understanding of students' starting points is achieved by an initial piece of writing in the first two weeks. Our Y12 curriculum follows the AQA exam board specification. It builds on and extends previous knowledge and understanding by challenging misconceptions about politics and political systems. It offers students new topics and areas of study as well as increasingly advanced skills and conceptual challenge.

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Field Code Changed

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
<b>Content – Knowledge and Understanding</b>	<b>UK Government &amp; Politics</b> The nature and sources of the British Constitution The Structure and Role of Parliament Democracy and participation Elections and referendums		<b>UK Government &amp; Politics</b> The Prime Minister and cabinet The Judiciary Political parties Pressure groups		<b>US Government &amp; Politics</b> The constitutional framework of US government: basic relationship between executive, legislature, and judiciary The Electoral Process and Direct Democracy Comparative analysis with UK	
<b>Examples of skills and concepts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AO1: Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of political institutions, processes, concepts, theories and issues.</li> <li>• AO2: Analyse aspects of politics and political information, including in relation to parallels, connections, similarities and differences.</li> <li>• AO3: Evaluate aspects of politics and political information, including to construct arguments, make substantiated judgements and draw conclusions.</li> </ul>					
<b>Assessment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weekly Quizzes</li> <li>• Regular timed essays</li> <li>• Debates</li> <li>• Pre-Public Exams (mocks)</li> <li>• Revision games/activities</li> <li>• Presentations</li> </ul>					

**Enrichment and extension options**

Previous years have included:

- Debate activities
- Student History Conference
- NKS Student Politics Society
- Lecture visits/online
- Visit to Parliament & Westminster Politics lectures\* (pending restrictions)





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## Year 13

In line with the AQA exam specification, our Y13 curriculum builds on and extends on Y12 by offering new topics and eras of study as well as more advanced skills and conceptual challenge. ~~Our Y13 curriculum builds on and extends the work done in Y12 by completing the study of the entire era. Students can expect questions drawn from a broader time period. The evaluation of sources and interpretations will take into account a greater level of maturity and contextual understanding. Units are sequenced to secure both chronological and thematic understanding in line with the specification set out by the exam board.~~

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
<b>Content – Knowledge and Understanding</b>	<b><u>US Government &amp; Politics</u></b> The legislative branch of government: Congress The executive branch of government: President The judicial branch of government: SCOTUS US Political Parties US Pressure Groups US Civil Rights Comparative analysis with UK		<b><u>Paper 3: Political Ideas</u></b> Liberalism Socialism  Themes include: Origins, view of human nature/ society/ the state/ the economy, internal differences	<b><u>Paper 3: Political Ideas</u></b> Conservatism Anarchism  Themes include: Origins, view of human nature/ society/ the state/ the economy, internal differences	Revision and final exams	
<b>Examples of skills and concepts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AO1: Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of political institutions, processes, concepts, theories, and issues.</li> <li>AO2: Analyse aspects of politics and political information, including in relation to parallels, connections, similarities, and differences.</li> <li>AO3: Evaluate aspects of politics and political information, including to construct arguments, make substantiated judgements and draw conclusions.</li> </ul>					
<b>Assessment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>Weekly Quizzes</del></li> <li><del>Regular timed essays</del></li> <li>Debates</li> <li><del>Pre-Public Exams (mocks)</del></li> <li><del>Revision games/activities</del></li> <li><del>Presentations</del></li> <li><del>Weekly Quizzes</del></li> <li><del>Regular timed essays</del></li> <li><del>Pre-Public Exams (mocks)</del></li> <li><del>Revision games/activities</del></li> <li>Presentations</li> </ul>					
<b>Enrichment and extension</b>	<p style="color: red;"><u>Previous years have included:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>Debate activities</del></li> <li><del>Student History Conference</del></li> <li><del>NKS Student Politics Society</del></li> <li><del>Lecture visits/online</del></li> <li><del>Visit to Parliament &amp; Westminster Politics lectures* (pending restrictions)</del></li> <li><del>Mock elections/referendums</del></li> </ul> <p style="color: red;"><u>Previous years have included:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>Debate activities</del></li> <li><del>Student History Conference</del></li> </ul>					

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• Lecture visits/online

• Visits to local universities such as Kent University

(There may be the possibility of future residential trips after restrictions are lifted)

