

Subject	Year	Term
Politics	Year 13	Autumn 1
Topic		
Component 1 & 3 - US Congress/ Core political ideas		
Content (Intent)		
Prior Learning (Topic) KS3 – Year 8 Making of Modern Britain, Year 9 20 th Century & citizenship and PSHE lessons throughout the school		
US Congress <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The structure of Congress. • The distribution of powers within Congress: • The functions of Congress. • Interpretations and debates around Congress. 		
Comparative approaches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compare and debate aspects of the UK and US legislative branches and the resulting impact on politics and government • The extent to which rational, cultural and structural approaches can be used to account for these similarities and differences. 		
Conservatism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Core Ideas and principles • Different views and Tensions • Thinkers and their ideas (5) 		
Future Learning (Topic) – US Presidency/ Core political ideas		
How will knowledge and skills be taught? (Implementation)	How will your understanding be assessed & recorded (Impact)	
Students will be taught the following skills: 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. This will be done through a range of methods including rich and varied lessons which will be adaptive in nature; discussion and analysis of contemporary case studies; use of a wide range of resources including academic articles, digital resources and wider reading materials.	Informal, in-class discussion and debate. Regular low stakes assessment of knowledge to support retention and consolidation of key concepts and knowledge. 1 essay a term for both sides of the course exploring either evaluative essay or source-based essay. Results of these essays will be recorded on a shared marksheet on the u:drive.	
How can parents help at home?		
Buying & reading newspapers Watching the news and current affairs programmes regularly Discussing contemporary political issues with their children		
Helpful further reading/discussion		
See VLE for reading list and further resources.	Vocabulary Lists	Careers Links

	Introductory lessons will familiarise students with A Level language for both courses	Employability skills linked to a number of presentation lessons
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