

Term	Topic(s)	Assessed work	Additional details
1 a 7 weeks 42 lessons	Political Participation Political Parties Introduction to political parties Conservatives, Labour, Lib Dems, minority parties Democracy and participation Defining democracy - direct and representative Assessing democracy in the UK Suffrage, Votes at 16 debate	Essays on political parties Essays on democracy and participation	A visit to parliament to watch debating is highly recommended, we try to run a trip each year, so listen out for details
1b 7 weeks 42 lessons	Political Participation Electoral systems Functions of elections and referendums Diff Electoral systems - should we reform? Effect of electoral systems Voting Behaviour Classification of pressure groups / other lobbyists Debate on Human Rights Act Individual versus collective rights Turnout, General Elections Case Studies research Opinion polls and the media	Source and essays on electoral systems Source and essays on voting behaviour	Students are actively told to engage in keeping up to date with current affairs. Watch the news, subscribe to an online news paper or follow political commentators on twitter, etc.
2a 7 weeks 42 lessons	Core Political Ideas Parliament Structure of parliament and possible reforms Effectiveness on house of Commons and Lords Committees / Holding government to account Constitution Sovereignty in relation to the EU Difference between US and UK constitution Sources and principles of UK constitution Constitutional Reforms	Source and essays on parliament Source and essays on the constitution	Students can also look online and on things like bbc iplayer for documentaries and relevant films
2b 5 weeks 35 lessons	Core Political Ideas The Three Branches Role / power/limits of the three branches Judicial independence and neutrality Where does sovereignty lie? PM and the executive Devolution, Northern Ireland The Structure and role of the executive	Source and essays on three branches Source and essays on PM and the Executive	Students will be encouraged to begin their revision for the exams as early as possible. Check out Tutor2U
3a 5 weeks 35 lessons	Revision of all units up to this point in preparation for practice Exams Introduction to ideologies PM and the Executive Cabinet formation Power of the PM and constitutional reform	13 th June -Exam Week Students will complete one essay and one source based essay on anything studied so far.	Making timelines, revision flash cards, essay plans and having study group sessions would aid their revision
3b 7 weeks 42 lessons	Conservatism Origins of the ideology, Principles, Strands Key thinkers; Rand, Burke, Hobbes, Oakeshott, Nozick US Comparative Politics US constitution and Federalism Introduction to modern US Politics	Essay on Conservatism Essay on the Constitution	Teachers can direct students to an appropriate revision guide to aid them in their studies

