

A-LEVEL POLITICS (POLITICAL IDEOLOGIES) @ WBS YEAR 13 ROADMAP

AIM

Second year of the A-level focuses on a mixture of US Government and Politics and Political Ideologies. Paper Three provides students with the knowledge and understanding of ideology and how that informs political discussion, debate and controversy. Students will cover three core ideologies: Liberalism, Conservatism and Socialism, they will also study one optional (modern) ideology. Students will be required to make a variety of synoptic links with both Paper One and Paper Two content- arguably this is the hardest of the three papers as it is philosophical and asks 'big picture' questions - students will be able to discuss more nuanced ideas such as the concept of human nature, society and the state.

SUMMER AND AUTUMN TERM 2023

TOPIC 1: CORE (LIBERALISM)

- 'The Enlightenment'
- The Origins of Liberalism
- Core ideas of Liberalism
- Different types of Liberalism (key thinkers)
- Tensions within Liberalism
- Liberalism today: a dying ideology?

TOPIC 2: CORE (CONSERVATISM)

- 'The Politics of Maintenance'
- The Origins of Conservatism
- Core ideas of Conservatism
- Different types of Conservatism (key thinkers)
- Tensions within Conservatism
- Conservatism today: too right wing?

TOPIC 3: CORE (SOCIALISM)

- 'The ambiguous ideology'
- The Origins of Socialism
- Core ideas of Socialism
- Different types of Socialism (key thinkers)
- Tensions within Socialism
- Socialism today: a laughing stock or a dangerous menace?

TOPIC 4: OPTIONAL (FEMINISM)

- 'It's a mans world?'
- The Origins of Feminism
- Core ideas of Feminism
- Different types of Feminism (key thinkers)
- Tensions within Feminism
- Feminism today: is it still a man's world?

ASSESSMENT

Lesson time is specifically used to teach the examination style and technique, and includes opportunities to write responses outside of the formal key assessments.

You will sit several key assessments across the year and these will alternate between the three sides of your taught content (UK, USA and Political Ideas)

- **MOCK WEEK:** 26th June
- **KA ONE:** 7th November
- **KA TWO:** 11th January
- **MOCK WEEK:** 4th March



HOMEWORK AND REVISION

Revision sessions will run weekly on a Thursday afterschool in B6- the agenda for these sessions will be published on BS in advance so you can schedule your week and decide which is most beneficial for you.

Homework will be set periodically and will be a mixture of discussion, reading and preparation for upcoming sessions

ENRICHMENT THEMES

Variety of debates throughout the course to allow students to build up ability to formulate and deliver developed arguments to 'big issue' questions.

Students to create and manage a system which builds up a bank of relevant examples for use within the exams themselves and beyond!

Opportunity to visit Parliament in Y13

WHERE NEXT?

Students will sit their terminal exams at the end of their two year study. Paper One uses the content from Y12, addressing UK Government and Politics. Paper Two builds on knowledge of the UK political system and compares it with the US political system. Paper Three addresses Political Ideologies across a wide range of political systems, a holistic approach is required when addressing this paper. Students will be able to face these exams with confidence having received advice, feedback and guidance for all three of these papers across the two years.