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	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 12	UK Government - Key contextual knowledge and case studies (Brexit, COVID, foreign relations) - UK Constitution (sources, specific case studies, codification, parliamentary sovereignty) - Westminster Parliament (House of Lords + House of Commons) - Making and passing of legislation - Legislative powers as representative democracy	UK Government - Roles and powers of the Prime Minister + Cabinet - Individual and collective responsibility - Ministerial duties and responsibilities - Roles and powers of the Supreme Court - Structure of the EU - Impact of the EU on UK government - Devolution (Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland) and its impact on Westminster - Regional devolution and its impact on England	UK Politics - Origins and beliefs of political parties - The role and legitimacy of 'third parties' - Election campaigns and funding	UK Politics - Electoral systems and their impact on democracy - Referendums and political activism - Pressure groups - Lobbyists, corporations, think tanks - Electoral + Prime Ministerial Case Studies	Political Ideologies (Paper 3) Liberalism + Conservatism - Core strands - Beliefs on human nature, society, state, economy - Key disagreements within each ideology on how to govern	Political Ideologies (Paper 3) Socialism + Anarchism - Core strands - Beliefs on human nature, society, state, economy - Key disagreements within each ideology on how to govern

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Year 13	US Government (Paper 2) • US Constitution • Bill of Rights • Separation of Powers • Checks and Balances • Federalism • Congress (House of Representatives and Senate) • Government Oversight • Committee System • Supreme Court • Judicial Activism vs Judicial Restraint • Strict vs Loose Constructionism	US Politics (Paper 2) • Civil Rights Campaigns • Civil Liberties • Landmark Campaigns (abortion, marriage equality, civil rights movement, affirmative action) • Electoral process (nominations, primaries and caucuses, nominating conventions, presidential vs congressional elections)	US Politics (Paper 2) • Campaign Finance • Political Party power and beliefs • State vs Federal Government powers and checks • Two party system • Pressure groups, lobbyists, PACs and Super PACs • Comparison with UK across all Paper 2 content	<i>Emergent time beyond Spring 1 in Year 13 will be allotted to addressing areas of concern and preparation for final examinations.</i> <i>In Year 12, Paper 1 content will be taught concurrently – Teacher A will deliver Autumn 1 + Autumn 2 content across Autumn + Spring terms, whereas Teacher B will deliver Spring 1 + Spring 2 content across Autumn + Spring terms.</i>
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