

POS - Politics

	Year 12	Year 13
Phase 1	<b>AJD (Component 1) UK Politics</b>	NA – Politics is an AS Level course and only delivered in year 12
	Democracy and Participation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Representative and Direct Democracy</li> <li>• Widening the Franchise</li> <li>• Pressure Groups and other influences</li> <li>• Rights in Context</li> </ul>	
	Political Parties: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Functions</li> <li>• Development of key parties</li> <li>• Emerging and minor UK parties</li> <li>• Parties in Context</li> </ul>	
	Electoral Systems: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Differential electoral systems</li> <li>• Referendums</li> <li>• Analysis</li> </ul>	
	Voting Behaviour and the Media: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key general elections – 1945-92, 1997 and one since 1997</li> <li>• Factors explaining the outcomes</li> <li>• Analysis of voting behaviour</li> <li>• Influence of the Media</li> </ul>	
Phase 2	<b>AJD (Component 2) UK Government</b>	
	The Constitution: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nature and Sources of the UK Constitution – historical documents, unentrenched, uncodified, main sources</li> <li>• Constitutional Changes since 1997</li> <li>• Role and Powers of Devolved Bodies and Impact on the UK</li> <li>• Further Reform – extending devolved powers, changes to become codified</li> </ul>	
	Parliament: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Structure and Role of the House of Commons and the House of Lords – selection and functions</li> <li>• Comparative Powers of the House of Commons and the House of Lords</li> <li>• The Legislative Process – stages of a Bill, 'Ping Pong'</li> <li>• Parliament's interaction with the Executive – Backbenchers, Select Committees, Opposition, PMQ's</li> </ul>	
Phase 3	Prime Minister and the Executive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Structure, Role, and Powers of the Executive</li> <li>• Ministerial Responsibility</li> <li>• Prime Minister and the Cabinet – powers, selection of ministers, determining policy</li> </ul>	

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	<p>Relations Between the Branches:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Supreme Court – role and composition, operating principles, influence over the Executive and Parliament</li><li>• Executive and Parliament – holding the Executive to account, dominance, balance of power</li><li>• Aims, role and impact of EU on UK Government – single market, social policy, political and economic union, policy making</li><li>• Sovereignty in the UK Political System – legal and political sovereignty, shift of sovereignty</li></ul>		
	<p><b>END OF YEAR EXAM</b></p>		<p><b>STUDY LEAVE</b></p>