

A Level Politics Learning Journey

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Target Grade:

Year 12

Paper 2 – UK government

	Topics	
Constitution	The development, nature and theory of the UK Constitution Sources of the UK Constitution Constitutional reform since 1997 Devolution	
Parliament	Functions of the House of Lords and Commons Comparing the powers of the Commons and Lords How Parliament interacts with the executive Reform of the Lords	
PM and executive	The role, powers and structure of the core executive Ministerial responsibility The powers of the PM and Cabinet The relationship between the PM and cabinet	
Relations between institutions	The function and role of the Supreme Court The relationship between the Supreme Court and Parliament The relationship between the Supreme Court and the Executive	

Paper 1 – Participation

	Topics	
Democracy and participation	The nature of representative democracy in the UK Political participation How democratic is the UK? Pressure Groups Rights in Context	
Political parties	Functions of Political Parties Right v left wing politics Party Funding Established political parties – Conservative Party, Labour and Lib Dems Emerging Parties – UKIP, SNP	
Electoral systems	Different Electoral systems Referendums Electoral outcomes	
Voting behaviour and the media	Factors determining voting behaviour Voting trends The media and opinion polls Case studies	

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Year 13 (ideologies and Global Politics taught together)

Ideologies

	Topics	
Liberalism	Origins of Liberalism Core ideas Classical Liberalism Modern Liberalism Neo-Liberalism Tensions within Liberalism	
Socialism	Origins of Socialism Core ideas Classical Marxism (fundamentalism) Democratic Socialism Social Democracy Third Way Tensions within Socialism	
Conservatism	Origins of conservatism Core ideas Traditional conservatism New Right Tensions within conservatism	
Feminism	Origins of feminism Core ideas Liberal feminism Radical feminism Social feminism Post-modern feminism Tensions within feminism	

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Global Politics

	Topic	
Comparative Theories	Realism – classical and neo Liberalism Fukuyama v Huntingdon	
Power and development	Hard, soft and smart power Polarities The changing balance of world order since 2000 US power Emerging powers Different systems of government	
Globalisation	Types of Globalisation Impact on the state system Liberal and realist views Impact on the Nation state Impact on conflict, environment and HR	
Global governance: political	The role and functions of the UN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Security council • General Assembly • ICJ • Human Rights The role and function of NATO	
Global Governance: economic	The Bretton Woods system The role of the IMF The role of the World Bank The role of the WTO The role of the G&/G20 The north/south divide NGOs, poverty and development	
Global Governance: human rights	Post-1945 international law Post-1990 international law The ECHR International tribunals Humanitarian intervention	
Global governance: environment	The role and significance of the UNFCCC The role and significance of the IPCC International climate change agreements Obstacles to cooperation	
Regionalism and the EU	Economic and regional significance of regionalism Development of regional organisations Development of the EEC/EU Regionalism v nation-state The significance of the EU as international global actor Resolving contemporary global issues	