



Longley Park

SIXTH FORM ACADEMY

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Get Ready For...

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Politics

What will I study?

The Politics course is split into three sections:

1. **The UK** – We ask questions like...What is the role of the Prime Minister and do they do a good job? What is the point of the King? How does Parliament Work? How does voting work and why should I bother? What does the supreme court do?
2. **THE USA** – We compare the USA to the UK. We ask questions like...Does the president of the USA have more power than the UK Prime Minister? Should the President be seen as the Leader of the Free World? What does that even mean? How much power do the USA supreme court have? Who has the better system, the USA or the UK? Why?
3. **Philosophy** – What would be the best system to create the best society? Would Communism ever work? How important is feminism? Has capitalism been successful? Is it okay for some people to have loads of money, and others to have none?

What can I do next?

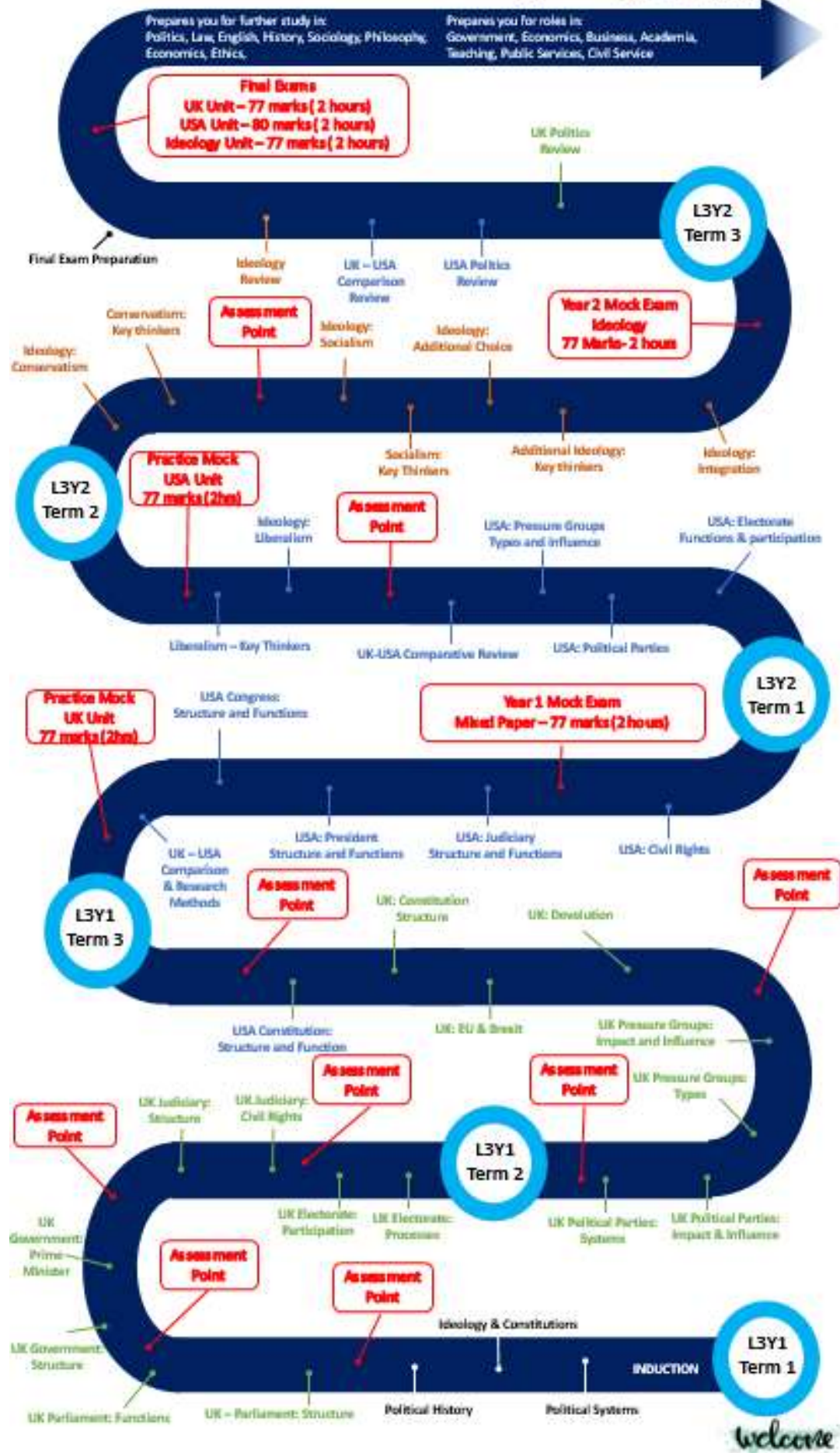
The course helps you develop critical thinking and communication skills and knowledge of how the world you live in works. Students go onto and study in areas that allows for careers in:

- Law
- Economics
- Accounting
- Journalism
- Business
- Social Work
- Government

What additional opportunities will I have on my course?

- Trip to London
- University Trips
- Guest Speakers
- Critical thinking and argument-based techniques to prepare for university
- Q and A Panels
- Meeting local counsellors and MPs

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Here are some tasks for you to have a go at over the Summer. These tasks are not compulsory but doing them might give you a clearer picture about what you will be studying and hopefully give you a bit of a head start in September. Give it a go. Project You has started!

- 1. Research the findings of the investigation into Boris Johnson and the parties at 10 Downing Street during the COVID lockdowns. What were the arguments on each side? Do you think the findings were correct? Yes or no... why?**
- 2. Summarise in your own words the events of the 2020 US Presidential Election. Think about the result, the reasons for the result, and the consequences of the result.**
- 3. What do you think about BREXIT? What were the arguments on either side of leaving or staying in the EU? How could you argue we were right to leave? How could you argue we should have stayed?**
- 4. Outline one issue from the political news in the UK or the US in the last 7 days and express an opinion on that issue**
- 5. Briefly summarise what the following political ideologies believe in**

Socialism

Liberalism

Conservatism

Feminism

6. Here's something to watch - the following documentary. How did President Kennedy create modern politics according to the programme. What legacies of this style of politics can you see in the UK and the US today?
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QbbGHvar7s8>

7. Finally - you could watch a film. There are loads that will help you understand British and American Politics better. Try any of these for starters:

- The Darkest Hour
- The Iron Lady
- 13 Days
- Lincoln
- Frost v Nixon

How can I go the extra mile to prepare for my course?

Additional Reading/ Useful Websites/Things to watch:

- The Guardian – Political articles
- Politics Review Journal
- Watch Question Time - (BBC iplayer)
- Watch Sunday with Laura Kuennsberg – (BBC iplayer)
- www.parliament.net
- www.whitehouse.gov

What else can I do to prepare for starting Sixth Form? What our students say

“Get ready emotionally, it is different from school!”

“Be confident. Put yourself out of your comfort zone and meet new people; you will meet lots of new people when you get here”

“Start looking at Universities/ Careers now! It will give you a focus when you start at Sixth Form”

“You will need to be more independent and be able to manage your time differently to school. Start building those skills now!”



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Additional Opportunities

We offer a variety of different opportunities to enrich your time with us and support your next steps:

- ~A variety of Clubs and Societies through Project You
- ~Employer immersion visits & Trips to employers
- ~Work Experience & Placement
- ~Trips to Universities
- ~Guest Speakers
- ~Leadership through the Student Ambassador Programme
- ~ Independent Learning Centre with IT, books and journals, quiet and group study + Seminar Rooms
- ~Health and Fitness Activities in our onsite gym
- ~Duke of Edinburgh
- ~Career Ready internship Programme
- ~ Access to wellbeing, academic tutorial, and careers support