

## Government & Politics Curriculum Information

### Year 12

#### **AQA GOVP1**

##### Unit 1: People, Politics and Participation

Government and Politics equips students with the knowledge and skills to identify and analyse key political debates. The first unit focuses on the theme of political behaviour in the UK. It explores how people's different patterns of participation can be explained and the forms of participation in a democracy. At all times students are advised to keep abreast of the current political scene through reading, watching and listening to the news. This also emphasises the relevance of the theory and concepts taught in lessons to the current political landscape.

#### **GOVP2**

##### Unit 2: Governing Modern Britain

The course content between modules naturally interrelates and students continue their studies by looking at the process of governing the UK, with power dispersed from local to European levels. They examine Britain's unique constitution, the role of Parliament and the Executive and multi-level governance, including the examination of local, devolved and European bodies. There is a particular emphasis on debate in class which helps to develop students' analytical skills and ability to produce balanced responses.

### Year 13 AQA GOV3A

##### Unit 3: The Politics of the USA

At A2, students draw upon and extend their political knowledge gained at AS level. They utilise their conceptual knowledge and apply it to the study of the American electoral process, political parties, voting behaviour and pressure groups. As the US is our key ally on the world stage, the study of its political system is very relevant to our domestic politics, as well as international relations.

#### **GOV4A**

##### Unit 4: The Government of the USA

The last module of the course deepens students' knowledge of the governing processes in America. They examine the constitutional framework of the US Government, analyse the US Congress and understand the contemporary developments in relation to the Executive and the Supreme Court. By the end of the A-Level, students have gained a breadth of political knowledge and honed their key skills of analysis, interpretation and evaluation of processes and debates in order to form judgements on complex issues. As the international scene becomes inter-connected in spheres such as politics, economics and security, the ability to understand the central concepts involved is an invaluable asset when working and operating in our increasingly globalised world.

