

Your Route to Results

Key information, revision tips and exam dates for students and parents

UK Politics & Core Ideas
UK Government & Non-core Ideas
Comparative Politics: USA

The course at a glance

100% exam · three equally weighted papers · no coursework

PAPER 1

UK Politics and Core Political Ideas

33⅓% · 84 marks · 2 hrs

May 2027

Democracy and participation, parties, electoral systems, voting behaviour and the media · liberalism, conservatism, socialism.

A: two 30-mark essays (one source-based) · **B:** one 24-mark ideas essay

PAPER 2

UK Government and Non-core Political Ideas

33⅓% · 84 marks · 2 hrs

May 2027

The constitution, Parliament, the PM and executive, relations between the branches · one non-core idea.

A: two 30-mark essays (one source-based) · **B:** one 24-mark ideas essay

PAPER 3A

Comparative Politics: USA

33⅓% · 84 marks · 2 hrs

June 2027

The Constitution and federalism, Congress, the presidency, the Supreme Court and civil rights, democracy and participation.

A: 12 marks · **B:** 12-mark comparison · **C:** two 30-mark essays

Revision that works: tips for students

- 1 Argue, don't describe.** 30-markers need a clear line of argument that weighs both sides and reaches a firm judgement.
- 2 Budget your time.** About 1.4 minutes a mark: roughly 45 minutes for a 30-marker, 30 for a 24-marker, 15 for a 12-marker.
- 3 Follow the news.** Recent, precise UK and US examples lift every answer. Keep them in a log organised by topic.
- 4 Learn the thinkers.** Each ideology has named key thinkers (e.g. Burke, Mill, Marx). Know what each argues and where they disagree.
- 5 Compare with theory.** For Paper 3, explain US-UK similarities and differences using rational, cultural and structural approaches.
- 6 Retrieve and self-mark.** Flashcards and blank-page recall, then check answers against Pearson mark schemes and examiner reports.

How parents can help

Talk politics. Discussing the news at home builds the up-to-date examples examiners reward.

Ask them to teach you. Explaining a topic aloud is one of the best forms of revision.

Mind the gap. Paper 3 is not until June, so help them keep going after the May papers.

Keep 23 June 2027 free. It is the national exam contingency day, so avoid booking holidays before then.

Questions? Contact [teacher name, email].

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Specification



Past papers
& mark schemes



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