

# St. John's Senior School



**Subject: Politics**

**Teacher: Mr. Bishop and Mr Bunyan.**

**Form: Upper 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Term: Autumn 2023**

WEEK	WEEK BEGINNING	TOPIC
1	4th September	Nationalism: Core ideas and principles of nationalism and how they relate to human nature, the state, society or the economy
2	11th September	Nationalism: Culturalism, Racialism, and Internationalism
3	18th September	Nationalism: Summary of key similarities and differences within the nationalism tradition
4	25th September	Conservatism: Summary of key similarities and differences within the conservative tradition
5	2nd October	<b>Mini- Test Week</b>
6	9th October	Conservatism: core ideas and principles
7	16th October	Conservatism: Review of similarities and differences within the conservative tradition
<b>HALF - TERM</b>		
8	30th October	1.1 US Constitution and federalism. The Nature of the US Constitution
9	6th November	1.2 The Principles of the US Constitution and an evaluation of their effectiveness today
10	13th November	1.3 The main characteristics of US federalism
11	20th November	1.4 Interpretations and debates around the US Constitution and federalism
12	27th November	2.1 The structure of Congress. Bicameral nature, the membership of congress and the election cycle. The extent of democracy within the US Constitution and federalism

		2.2 The function of Congress. Representation. Congressional elections and the significance of incumbency. Legislative, Oversight.
13	4th December	<p>2.3 Interpretations and debates around congress.</p> <p>Changing roles and powers of congress and their relative importance.</p> <p>3.1 Formal Source of presidential power as outlined in the US Constitution and their use.</p> <p>3.2 Informal sources of presidential power and their use the election mandate, executive orders, national events and the cabinet.</p>

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1	3rd January (Wednesday)	<b>Mock Examinations</b>
2	8th January	<b>Mock Examinations</b>
3	15th January	3.3 The Presidency Relationships between the presidency and the following institutions and why this varies.
4	22nd January	3.4 Interpretations and debates of the US Presidency 4.1 The nature and the role of the Supreme Court 4.3 The Supreme court and public policy
5	29th January	4.4 The protection of civil liberties and rights in the US today.
6	5th February	4.6 Interpretations and debates of the US Supreme Court and Civil Rights. 5.1 Electoral Systems in the USA 5.2 The Key ideas and principles of the Democratic and Republican parties. 5.4 Interpretations and debates of US democracy and participation, including advantages and disadvantages of the electoral process and the Electoral College and the debate around reform.
<b>HALF - TERM</b>		
7	19th February	6.1 Theoretical approaches- understanding these three approaches and the different ways they explain similarities and differences between the government and politics of different countries. 6.2 Similarities and differences in the UK and USA.
8	26th February	6.2.3 Compare and debate the following aspects of the UK and US legislative branches and their resulting impact on politics and government 6.2.5 Compare and debate the following aspects of the

		UK and the US executive branches and their resulting impact on politics and government:
9	4th March	6.2.7 Compare and debate the following aspects of the UK and US Supreme Courts and civil rights and their resulting impact on politics and government.
10	11th March	6.2.8 The extent to which rational, cultural and structural approaches can be used to account for these similarities and differences.
11	18th March	6.2.9 Compare and debate key aspects of the UK and US democracy and participation, and their resulting impact on politics and government.

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1	16th April (Tuesday)	Revision
2	23rd April	Revision
3	29th April	Revision
4	7th May	Revision
5	13th May	Study Leave / Exams
6	20th May	Exams
<b>HALF - TERM</b>		
7	3rd June	Exams
8	10th June	Exams
9	17th June	Exams
10	24th June	Exams
11	1st July	End of Exams