**UNIT OVERVIEW:** Voting Behaviour, Media and the Constitution.

**ENQUIRY: How influential is the media in explaining voting choice?**

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| **Unit intention:** To explore how different groups of society vote, factors influencing votes and changes in trends. |
| **Success criteria** | 🗸 | X |
| I can explain and evaluate class associations with voting trends.I can evaluate different reasons for voting analyse voting trends of general elections.I can identify, assess and evaluate different factors affecting voter choice and analyse and evaluate the 1979, 1997 and 2019 general elections.I can assess and evaluate the role and impact of TV debates, newspapers, social media and opinion polls on general elections (GEs), with examples.I can explain the key features of the UK constitution with examples.I can identify and explain the sources of the UK constitution and evaluate the flexible nature of the constitution.I can assess and evaluate whether the UK’s uncodified constitution is in need of a written constitution.I can identify and explain the constitutional reforms since 1997 onwards and evaluate whether the constitutional reforms went far enough. |  |  |
| To be successful:* Flip reading before every lesson (use textbook, articles provided by the teacher, GC resources)
* Come to class with questions for the teacher.
* Stay up to date by reading on current affairs.
* Regular essay plans and timed assessments
* Collaborate with others.
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| **Topic Sequence**1. Analysis of voter turnout
2. General Election Case Studies – 1979, 1997 and 2019
3. Role and impact of the media
4. Influence of Opinion Polls

Paper 2 - Constitution 1. Introduction and Sources of the Constitution
2. Constitutional Crisis
3. Constitutional Reforms since 1997 – impact, significance and further reform?
* Devolution, Human Rights, Judiciary, Electoral Reform, Parliamentary reforms, Right to Recall MP and Fixed Terms Parliament Act
1. Nature of Devolution – student projects

Codified/Uncodified Constitution debate | **Useful links and Resources:** **BBC News** [www.bbc.com/politics](http://www.bbc.com/politics) **Channel Four News (Politics)** – in depth video analysis of political stories. <https://www.channel4.com/news/>The **Economist** has analysis and opinions of the latest political stories. <https://www.economist.com/> **The Telegraph** – Current political news, more from a Conservative perspective. <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/>The **Guardian** – Current political news, more from a liberal perspective. <https://www.theguardian.com/politics>**Blogs****UCL Constitution Unit** – Research based blog dealing with analysis of current political problems<https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/politicsandpolicy/> **Politics blog** <http://alevelpolitics.com/>**Useful resources** **Tutor2u – resources for A-Level Politics** <https://www.tutor2u.net/politics>**Politics Review Magazines – Extra Resources** <https://www.hoddereducation.co.uk/magazines/magazines-extras/politics-review-extras> |