



Politics

Overview

Studying politics now is probably more exciting than it has ever been. The political world today is changing at a lightning speed, with extremist views dominating on a global scale and its leaders haven't been as polarising in the eyes of the world for nearly a century.

Students will follow the Pearson A level Politics course (code 9PLO)

The first part of the course looks at UK Politics with a focus on systems, voting behaviour and core political ideas such as liberalism and socialism.

The second part of the course focusses on the UK Government. Widespread constitutional reforms have changed the political map. The leaving of the European Union and establishment of devolved Parliaments means that power is shifting within the United Kingdom. In the theory section of this course, you will study the development and the ever-increasing importance of the feminist movement. #timesup and #metoo have become synonymous with post-modern politics and we will look at this development over time.

The third area of study is Global Politics, including the politics of the United States which is another area that dominates our news and helps you to broaden your understanding of current issues. This aspect of the course allows comparisons and a greater understanding of global issues and political theory.

Expectations

Students will be expected to purchase core texts that will cover their A Level study, but additional reading and research is also expected. Moreover, and to consolidate classroom learning, students will be expected to add to class notes, building on arguments and developing more in-depth knowledge of key political events. Students can expect to engage in lively whole class discussions and should be prepared to have their view challenged as well as challenging the viewpoints of others. Daily reading of national and international news is essential as well as listening to Radio 4 politics show and watching the Daily Politics show on the BBC.

Extra-Curricular Activities/Independent Learning Opportunities

A trip to the Houses of Parliament, opportunities to listen to speakers both inside and outside of school, student conferences.

Entry Requirement: There are no additional entry requirements to those mentioned in the Sixth Form Prospectus.