POLITICS

Exam Board: Edexcel
Entry Requirements: Students must achieve Grade 6 or above in a social science and or a Grade 6 in English Language.

COURSE SUMMARY

Studying Government and Politics will provide you with an understanding of how UK political systems work and how it is linked to contemporary concerns and events. The course offers a broad choice of topics covering political issues in the UK , political ideologies and global politics. A keen interest in debate, discussion and keeping up with current affairs will be essential. We want you to arrive with your opinions and be ready to be challenged.

COURSE STRUCTURE

Paper 1 – UK Politics & Core Ideologies -33.3% of total paper's marks
Content overview:
1. Political Participation, students will study: democracy and participation, political parties, electoral systems, voting behaviour and the media.
2. Core Political Ideas, students will study: conservatism, liberalism, socialism.

Paper 2: UK Government & Non Core Ideology – 33.3% of total paper's marks
Content overview:
1. UK Government, students will study:
the constitution, parliament, Prime Minister and executive, relationships between the
branches.
2. Optional Political Ideas, students will study: feminism

Paper 3: Global Politics – 33.3% of total paper's marks
Content overview:
Theories of Global Politics, sovereignty and globalisation, global governance: political and
economic, global governance: human rights and environmental, power and developments,
regionalism and the European Union.
The papers consist of a range of questions requiring students to use their knowledge and understanding (AO1) analysis skills
(AO2) and their evaluation skills (AO3).

CAREER CHOICES

Government & Politics students may go onto studying Politics at University. From there you might go on to join local or national government, or become a researcher. The course is also useful for those who wish to have a career in journalism or the media.