



SUBJECT: Politics A Level

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT:

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SYNOPSIS OF CONTENT: Politics is the study of how we organise ourselves as a society for good and ill, and particularly how laws are made, how people are governed and how people compete to construct the world they want. Examples of the key questions the course tries to answer are: -What is democracy and do elections with low turnouts guarantee it? -Do pressure groups such as Amnesty and Greenpeace really influence modern UK Politics? -Should the House of Lords be reformed? -How has EU membership affected UK politics? -What is globalisation and does it benefit the few rather than the many? -What are Human Rights and when should we intervene to protect them? -What has been the effect of the rise of China and India on the 'world order' of power?	WHY STUDY THIS SUBJECT? You will develop an understanding of how people interact and what motivates them, why people, groups and rulers make decisions and the impact of those decisions. You will be encouraged to evaluate different types of evidence and debate its relevance and value, present an argument and make supported judgements. SELF STUDY ADVICE / USEFUL WEBSITES: You will need to show a willingness to undertake wider reading and further study outside the classroom and be fully engaged contemporary political issues. There is a vast array of information available online, for example, The BBC, The Guardian, The Economist, Channel Four News etc...Think about how perspectives and arguments differ.
HOW IS IT ASSESSED? There will be three exams at the end of the course. UK Politics You will study political participation and ideas such as conservatism, liberalism and socialism. UK Government You will study The Constitution, Parliament, and the office of Prime Minister as well as relationships between these groups. Global Politics You will study global political structures and issues such as sovereignty, globalisation, governance, human rights,	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION / CAREER OPPORTUNITIES Studying Politics will provide you with a good understanding of the ever changing world around you. Skills of analysis are invaluable in many jobs, and the ability to analyse and then prioritise information is vital to decision making. You will also become adept at presenting information in an organised and focussed manner.

terrorism, war, environmental politics and the European Union.	SPECIFIC MATRICULATION REQUIREMENTS In addition to the Sixth Form matriculation requirements, you will need to have at least a grade 6 in your GCSE Humanities subject/s.
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