



SUBJECT: Global Politics IB Standard

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT:
Miss C Dawton

EXAM BOARD AND SYLLABUS NUMBER:
IBO / QAN:

SYNOPSIS OF CONTENT:

Power, sovereignty and international relations
You will study the distribution of power amongst states and how different states co-operate with one another. The purpose, role and success of international organisations such as the UN will be evaluated.

Human rights

This aspect will focus on the nature and evolution of human rights, as well as assessing how various human rights agreements are implemented and the extent to which they are upheld.

Development

You will deal with what development means, how it can be promoted and inhibited. Issues such as the right to development will be addressed.

Peace and conflict

You will study the concepts of peace, conflict and violence, the causes and nature of conflicts.

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?

Paper One (1 h 15 min) Stimulus based paper based on a topic from one of the four core units. There will be four compulsory short-answer/ structured questions. (30%)

Paper Two (1 h 45 min) Extended response paper based on the four core units. Students must write two essays from a choice of eight, each selected from a different core unit. (45%)

Internal Assessment: Student must undertake an political engagement activity and write a report reflecting on their findings and experiences. (25%)

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.

SPECIFIC MATRICULATION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the Sixth Form matriculation requirements, students must have at least one GCSE grade 5 or above in a Humanities subject.