

POLITICS

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Examination board: Pearson/Edexcel 9PLO



*“If you have a real passion and enthusiasm for **current** and political affairs, a desire to read widely around the subject, and an ability to **communicate** and explain complex **conceptual** ideas in an efficient and clear manner, then Politics may be the right subject for you.”*



PROGRAMME OF STUDY

There are three areas of study including UK government and politics, political ideologies and global politics.

Within the UK government and politics area of study, you will examine political parties, their systems and pressure groups, as well as elections, electoral systems and voting behaviour. You will also explore the composition, role and powers of the legislative and executive branches of the UK

government as well as the judiciary, constitution and rights of the individual and the EU.

The second area of study will give you the opportunity to explore political ideologies including liberalism, conservatism, socialism and feminism, as well as some of the great thinkers of intellectual history including Burke, Marx and Locke.

The third area of study will give you an understanding of global politics. This involves the study of the key theories of international relations, as well as an investigation of the global institutions that shape the UK's external environment followed by the topics of power and regionalism.

ASSESSMENT

- Three exams at the end of the second year.

FUTURE PLANS

Studying Politics will develop a wide range of different skills and is a great stepping-stone to jobs in the city, civil service, journalism, law and business. Politics degree courses are a popular choice for our leavers at a variety of top universities.