

Course Title

Government and Politics

Exam Board

Edexcel

Course Description:

Component 1: UK Politics*Written examination: 2 hours*

Content overview

1. Political Participation, students will study:
 - Democracy and participation, political parties, electoral systems, voting behavior and the media.
2. Core Political Ideas, students will study:
 - Conservatism, liberalism, socialism.

Component 2: UK Government*Written examination: 2 hours*

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: Anarchism

Component 3: International Relations*Written examination: 2 hours*

Content overview

· Sovereignty and globalisation, global governance: political and economic, global governance: human rights and environmental, power and developments, regionalism and the European Union, comparative theories.

Assessment:

Units 1, 2 and 3 will be examined at the end of the two year course.

Admission Criteria:

Grade 6 or higher in GCSE English and a related subject - History/Geography/Economics.

Additional Information:

The course requires an ability to research and understand complex issues and to write extended answers. Potential candidates will need to demonstrate suitability for the course by acquiring a minimum of a B grade at GCSE in a subject requiring similar skills; examples would be History or English Literature.

To undertake this course you will need to have a lively and enquiring mind, an interest in politics, a desire to explore new ideas and an ability to communicate your ideas effectively. It is designed to develop critical awareness and the ability to argue a case with relevance and logical coherence. It will appeal to students who enjoy debating current affairs, who like doing a subject that affects their everyday lives and either want to progress to a career in politics, or keep their options open. Politics is a useful choice for a wide range of careers and can be combined with a wide range of subjects, notably History & Economics.

