

Course information for Parents**Year: Year 12 and 13****Subject: Politics**

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| Faculty Area | Character Faculty – Politics | Director of Faculty contact information | M Bonnett - HoD |
| Examination Board | Edexcel | Specification Code | 603/1223/3 |

Subject Content

This is the revised A-Level in Politics and will be taught in a linear fashion and assessed at the end of Year 13. The course is divided into three clear Units (called components).

Unit 1: UK Politics including pressure groups, political parties, electoral systems and the ideologies of liberalism, socialism and conservatism

Unit 2: UK Government including the constitution, parliament, the executive and the relationship between these different branches. Also includes one non-core ideology

Unit 3: Comparative Politics – US including the constitution, political parties, electoral systems, judiciary and comparative themes

Additional Equipment Needed (Ingredients, headphones, PE kit, etc.)

All students will be required to have an A4 lever arch file for each Unit of study. Students will also need to break their files up using dividers, as directed by the contents pages, which they will be given in their first lessons of each year. This contents page will require students to identify and break up: PLCs and markschemes, specification, key word banks, Unit 1 (including all 4 topics), Unit 2 (including all 4 topics), Unit 3 (including the 6 smaller topics), essay questions, DIRT and PPE work.

Assessment Details:

Politics is assessed by external exams at the end of Year 13. There is no coursework element.

Unit 1 – 2 hour exam split into two sections. Includes a 30 mark source question, a 30 mark non-source question and a 24 mark question.

Unit 2 – 2 hour exam split into two sections. Includes a 30 mark source question, a 30 mark non-source question and a 24 mark question.

Unit 3 – 3 hour exam split into three sections. Includes two 12 mark knowledge questions, two 30 mark exam questions from the USA and two 30 mark exam questions in comparison to the UK

What can I do to support my child at home?

Politics relies on students staying up to date with changes in the world. With this in mind, students must watch the news every day and create a weekly overview of the major news stories. These will be used to add to class notes. Students should focus in particular on: changes to members of the government and the cabinet, key policies (EU and Human Rights) and key organisations. Students need to also be familiar with future elections in both the UK and US (senate, by-elections, General Elections)

Recommended resources for the course:**Websites:**

BBC News Website (for weekly updates)

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/politics-2017.html> (for a copy of the specification)

Politics blogs <https://www.theguardian.com/culture/2010/mar/21/10-best-political-blogs> (this article links to some key ones)

<http://alevelpolitics.com/>

Home Study & Independent Learning **Parental Support Information**

Apps:

Gojimo – Politics

The Revision App (Apple and Android)

Books:

Official Edexcel text book: Edexcel GCE Politics AS and A-level Student Book and eBook (Edexcel GCE Politics 2017)

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