

A Level

POLITICS

Course Overview

Understanding power, people and ideas. Politics affects every aspect of our lives and is constantly changing and evolving. Studying Government and Politics gives students the opportunity to develop knowledge and understanding of the role politics plays in relation to current local, national, and global issues, as well as studying key thinkers and political ideas such as conservatism, socialism, liberalism, feminism and nationalism.

Teaching Methods

Politics lessons are normally lively with lots of discussion and debate! As well as more traditional teaching methods, lessons will involve presentations, use of media, engagement with current affairs, independent research, structured debate, field trips and visiting speakers.

Course Activities

We run an annual trip to the Houses of Parliament, involving a tour and workshop as well as a meeting with our local MP. We have had a variety of visiting speakers, including a member of the House of Lords as well as representatives from campaigning and pressure groups.

Course Components

Unit 1 - UK Getting Involved:

- Democracy and participation, elections, political parties, pressure groups, protests, media.

Unit 2 - UK How the System Works:

- Tectonic The UK constitution, parliament, Prime Minister and cabinet, judiciary, devolution, The European Union.

Unit 3 - Ideologies; Socialism, Liberalism & Conservatism:

- Key ideas and beliefs, history, case studies, how it applies to society today.

Unit 4 - Human Systems and Geopolitics:

- Key ideas and beliefs, history, case studies, how it applies to society today.

Unit 5 - Feminism and Nationalism:

- Key ideas and beliefs, history, case studies, how it applies to society today.

Unit 5 - Global Politics:

- Sovereignty and Globalisation, Human Rights and the Environment, Power and Development, Regionalisation and the European Union.

Assessment

Assessed through examination at the end of year 2.

Course Outline

Examination

There are three exams:

Component 1: Source and essay questions

Component 2: Source and essay questions

Component 3: Short and long essay questions

Exam Board

Edexcel

Entry Requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs (with two at grade 6, and three at grade 4).

GCSE English at grade 6.

G-Score of at least 5.5.

Student Testimonial



"Studying Politics at Cadbury College has provided me with an enriching educational experience. The teaching is of a high standard and I'm sure that studying Politics will greatly benefit me in the future"

Jade Cook

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