



POLITICS

A Level Subject Information



Politics

Examining Board: Edexcel

Outline

The past few years have been some of the most exciting times to study politics and have demonstrated the importance of understanding what is happening in the world around us. The Politics course at NHGS gives students a broad understanding of issues including, the formation of the Coalition Government, the causes of Brexit, the rise of Donald Trump and the changing identity and ideas of political parties in the UK.

Course Content

Component One– UK Politics

This section of the course will see students gain an understanding of democracy and participation, political parties, electoral systems, voting behaviour and the media. In addition to this, students will learn about the core political ideas of, socialism, liberalism and conservatism.

Component Two- UK Government

This will involve students studying the UK constitution, parliament, Prime Minister and executive and the relationships between the branches. Students will also study one idea from the following: anarchism, ecologism, feminism, multiculturalism, nationalism.

Component Three- Comparative Politics

In this part of the course students will look at an alternative political system to the UK and compare and contrast the two. At NHGS this will involve studying the US route of the course which covers, the US Constitution and federalism, US congress, US presidency, US Supreme Court, democracy and participation, civil rights.

Who should do Government & Politics?

Anyone interested in current affairs with a desire to know more and a willingness to test textbook generalisations against contemporary developments will find the subject of interest. The subject combines very well with other Social Science and humanities subjects such as History, Sociology, RE, Geography and Economics, and has good links with arts, language and literature based subjects. Equally, it can be an interesting contrasting subject for those students specialising in Mathematics and science-related subjects.

Examination Results

The results for A-level Government & Politics have been fantastic for the past five years and this is testament to how much the students have enjoyed the course at NHGS. We run an annual trip to Parliament and have in the past taken students to Washington to deepen their knowledge of US politics.

A Level Government & Politics Results

Year	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U	Entry	Pass	Pass %	A/B %	A/B/C %
2004	NA	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	100	100	100
2005	NA	0	1	2	3	0	0	6	6	100	17	50
2006	NA	1	1	1	1	0	0	4	4	100	50	75
2007	NA	3	0	3	1	0	0	7	7	100	43	86
2008	NA	1	1	0	1	0	0	3	3	100	67	67
2009	NA	3	3	2	1	0	0	9	9	100	67	89
2010	1	1	2	1	2	0	0	7	7	100	57	71
2011	1	3	2	1	3	0	0	10	10	100	60	70
2012	1	2	1	2	1	0	0	7	7	100	57	86
2013	1	2	3	2	0	0	0	8	8	100	75	100
2014	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	5	5	100	100	100
2015	0	4	3	4	0	0	0	11	11	100	63.6	100
2016	1	3	5	1	1	0	0	11	11	100	81	91
2017	0	5	7	1	0	0	0	13	13	100	92.3	100
2018	0	4	4	2	0	0	0	10	10	100	80	100
2019	1	2	6	4	1	1	0	15	15	100	60	86.7
2020	1	3	4	4	0	0	0	12	12	100	67	100

Career Opportunities

A significant number of Government and Politics students have gone on to study the subject at university. In addition, Politics students have secured places at top universities (including Oxford) to study Law. The subject is also particularly relevant as a background to a wide range of possible careers, including Law, the Civil Service, Local Government, Journalism, Public Relations, Teaching, Social Work and Business.

How to find out more

Any student interested in the course is strongly encouraged to talk to **Mr D Kennedy**, who will be happy to provide further information or answer any questions. He can also arrange for you to talk to a student who is currently studying the subject.