Politics

Pearson Edexcel

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Entry Requirements

NHGS Sixth Form entry requirements.

Aims of the Course

A Level Politics aims to develop students' knowledge and understanding of contemporary political ideas and institutions to give them the ability to critically analyse the world and draw their own conclusions about their place in it.

Course structure and content

Component 1 - UK Politics and Core Political Ideas

Students will investigate in detail how people and politics interact and the core ideas upon which political ideas and institutions are built.

The topics covered in this paper are UK political parties, voting systems, voting behaviour, UK democracy and participation, liberalism, socialism and conservatism.

Component 2 - UK Government and Feminism

Students explore where power resides in the UK and how decisions are made. In addition, students study the history and application of feminist theory.

The topics covered in this paper are Parliament, the UK constitution, the Prime Minister and executive, relationships between branches and feminism.

Component 3 - US Politics

Students develop their understanding of US politics by looking at institutions and democratic practice. The UK and US systems are compared.

The topics covered in this paper are US democracy and participation, the US constitution, the presidency, Congress, US Supreme Court and civil rights and comparative approaches.

Assessment

At the end of the Lower 6th, students sit an exam on all of the Lower 6th content. This does not count towards the final grade, but assesses the content at this half-way point before progression to the Upper 6th.

The final assessments at the end of the Upper 6th are as below:

Assessment 1 - 33.3% 2 hour written paper based on Component 1.

Assessment 2 - 33.3% 2 hour written paper based on Component 2.

Assessment 3 - 33.3% 2 hour written paper based on Component 3.

Future career opportunities

Students will be more informed to make decisions as citizens of the UK and will find Politics useful for studying and working in areas including Politics, Law, Economics, History and anything related to decision making.

Please scan here for further course information.