



Wanstead High School

Education with Character

Politics Curriculum Content 2024 - 25

Key Stage 5 - Year 12 & 13



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SUBJECT: Politics	HEAD OF DEPARTMENT: Mr P. Chartorizhsky
QUALIFICATION: A-Level	LENGTH: 2 years (Year 12 & 13)
EXAM BOARD: EDEXCEL	SPECIFICATION NO. 9PLO
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS: Grade 5 in English.	

Pupils receive 9 lessons of Politics each fortnight.

The importance of Government and Politics in the curriculum: Pupils of Government and Politics learn to understand, analyse and evaluate power and relationships in society and how these are presented and interpreted within our media, both online and in more traditional areas, to affect decisions taken at a national level. It will help pupils to think about society in a new critical light and discuss topics worldwide and contemporary.

Government and Politics inspires pupils to develop Education with Character by preparing pupils to be the leaders and opinion-makers of tomorrow and to harness the ability to change lives and communities to our pupils' own leadership and control their destiny just a little bit more. Politics is about interaction and debate, information and interpretation.

Skills developed in Government and Politics: Studying Government & Politics not only develops transferable skills such as essay-writing and presenting an argument, but it can also foster increased political participation, active citizenship and a more fully- functioning democracy.

What is taught	When is it taught (Terms or Half Terms)	Reading list and Literacy focus	Where the curriculum is ambitious
Component 1: Section A: Political Participation 1. Democracy and participation 2. Political parties 3. Electoral systems 4. Voting behaviour and the role of the media.	Autumn	Politics Review articles Taking Politics: History of Ideas Podcast: Today in focus Podcast: Politics weekly Podcast: Newscast Podcast: A Level Politics Show BBC News JStor Articles	Updates on politics from BBC news and dissection of recent British elections.
Component 2: Section A: UK Government 1. The constitution 2. Parliament 3. The Prime Minister and executive 4. The relationships between the government branches	Spring	Politics Review articles Taking Politics: History of Ideas Podcast: Today in focus Podcast: Politics weekly Podcast: Newscast Podcast: A Level Politics Show BBC News JStor Articles	Readings of political philosophers.
Component 1: Section B: Conservatism 2. Liberalism 3. Socialism Component 2 Section B: Core	Summer	Politics Review articles Taking Politics: History of Ideas Podcast: Today in focus Podcast: Politics weekly Podcast: Newscast Podcast: A Level Politics Show BBC News JStor Articles	Outside texts, programmes and fiction around multiculturalism.

Political Ideas			
How are pupils informally and formally assessed?	There are three exam papers for this qualification, each of 2 hours in length. Throughout the course pupils will sit real exam questions at the end of each topic and these may include Challenge Weeks. These will be sat under exam conditions and pupils will only be notified of the units being tested and not the actual content. Pupils will also have an exam style question which can be a combination of 12 and 30 markers. There are also a range of different exam style questions pupils complete in class in timed conditions.		
Developing Independent and Home Learning Skills	Pupils have an extended reading list which also involves podcasts, Ted Talks, Netflix documentaries and a variety of enrichment activities. This can also be found on Google classroom. Lessons are posted on Google classroom and a range of stretch and challenge tasks are uploaded, along with past papers and exam style questions. Pupils also have access to Pre-Chewed Politics where they can independently make notes and prepare for the next chapter.		
Useful e-Learning Resources (e.g., web links)	Edexcel Government and Politics website: https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-A-Levels/politics-2017.html Pre Chewed Politics: https://www.prechewedpolitics.co.uk/		
Equipment for lessons	Black or blue pen, green pen, pencil, eraser, ruler, highlighter, glue stick.		
Enrichment activities	Various educational visits; visit to parliament and a session at the National Archives.		
Careers curriculum	Studying Government and Politics will help pupils to develop a wide variety of employability skills as well as developing an understanding of the world around them. It is an academic subject, well respected by universities, which may facilitate further study in areas such as Law, History, Philosophy and International Relations. Pupils learn skills for Politics based professions such as Political advisors, Journalists and Law, as essay writing is linked to an evidenced based judgement.		
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A Level Politics - Year 13

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QUALIFICATION: A-Level	LENGTH: 2 years (Year 12 & 13)
EXAM BOARD: EDEXCEL	SPECIFICATION NO. 9PLO
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS: Grade 5 in English.	

Pupils receive 10 lessons of Politics each fortnight.

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What is taught	When is it taught (Terms or Half Terms)	Reading list and Literacy focus	Where the curriculum is ambitious
Comparative Politics: A Government and Politics of the USA: The US Constitution and federalism 2. US Congress 3. US presidency. US democracy and participation	Autumn	Politics Review articles Taking Politics: History of Ideas Podcast: Today in focus Podcast: Politics weekly Podcast: Newscast Podcast: A Level Politics Show BBC News JStor Articles	Links to UK and US politics; US election updates.
Comparative Politics: A Government and Politics of the USA 4. US Supreme Court and US civil rights 5	Spring	Politics Review articles Taking Politics: History of Ideas Podcast: Today in focus Podcast: Politics weekly Podcast: Newscast Podcast: A Level Politics Show BBC News JStor Articles	Links to UK and US politics; US election updates. History of US and British elections – links to A Level history.
Comparative Politics: A Government and Politics of the USA: Comparative theories Revision	Summer	Politics Review articles Taking Politics: History of Ideas Podcast: Today in focus Podcast: Politics weekly Podcast: Newscast Podcast: A Level Politics Show BBC News JStor Articles	Revision

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Equipment for lessons	Black or blue pen, green pen, pencil, eraser, ruler, highlighter, glue stick.
Enrichment activities	Various educational visits; visit to parliament and a session at the National Archives; visit to Hamilton.
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