



Government and Politics A Level Course – Preparatory Information

Student Profile Most students following the course, whether coming through the lower years at New Hall School or joining from other schools, will not have studied GCSE Politics.

Most students will, however, have started to develop the skills of analysis and evaluation of qualitative information through GCSE courses such as English and/or History; these skills are important for the study of Politics.

Summary of the Course covered in Year 12 In Yr12 students of Politics will be studying:

1. UK Politics

To include political participation, political parties, electoral systems, voting behaviour and the media, liberalism, conservatism, socialism.

2. UK Government

To include the constitution, parliament, Prime Minister and executive, relationships between the branches.

3. Non-core political ideas

Feminism.

More information can be found at the following link:

<http://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/A%20Level/Politics/2017/Specification%20and%20sample%20assessments/A-level-Politics-Specification.pdf>

Recommended Reading

You are encouraged to regularly explore current political news stories by reviewing the following:

- www.bbc.co.uk/news
- www.economist.com
- <http://www.newstatesman.com/>
- Regular reading of any broadsheet newspaper

You are also encouraged to research statistics on the 2017 general election including the turnout and results.