



Course Details		Politics
Exam Board	Edexcel	
Syllabus title	Level 3 Advanced GCE in Politics	
Course Code	9PLO (2 year full course, A level)	
Course Content	<p>Component 1: UK Politics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Political Participation: democracy and participation, political parties, electoral systems, voting behaviour and the media. 2. Core Political Ideas: conservatism, liberalism, socialism. <p>Component 2: UK Government:</p> <p>UK Government: the constitution, parliament, Prime Minister and executive, relationships between the branches.</p> <p>2. Optional Political Ideas: one idea from the following: anarchism, ecologism, feminism, multiculturalism, nationalism.</p> <p>Component 3: Comparative Politics:</p> <p>For USA: the US Constitution and federalism, US Congress, US presidency, US Supreme Court and civil rights, democracy and participation, comparative theories.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>For Global: sovereignty and globalisation, global governance: political and economic, global governance: human rights and environmental, power and developments, regionalism and the European Union, comparative theories.</p>	
Assessment and weighting	<p>Component 1: UK Politics:</p> <p>Written examination: 2 hours; 33⅓% of the qualification; two 30 mark questions, each from a choice of two; one 24 mark question from a choice of two (84 marks).</p> <p>Component 2: UK Government:</p> <p>Written examination: 2 hours; 33⅓% of the qualification; two 30 mark questions, each from a choice of two; one 24 mark question from a choice of two (84 marks).</p> <p>Component 3: Comparative Politics:</p> <p>Written examination: 2 hours; 33⅓% of the qualification; one 12 mark question, from a choice of two; one compulsory 12 mark question; two 30 mark questions from a choice of three (84 marks).</p>	
Trips/visits	Trips include visits to the Houses of Parliament and Krakow (every 2 years)	
Future opportunities/career	<p>Politics can open up a number of opportunities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • related degrees in Higher Education such as politics, social policy, international relations, law, history, humanities and sociology. • employment in the civil service, lobbying, journalism, marketing, social work, teaching, police and many more. 	



Person Specification		Politics
	Required	
Qualifications/ School record	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• B/5 in GCSE English• 95% attendance in year 11• Good attitude to learning.	
Attitude/Qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hard working• Motivated• Enthusiastic	
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Good writing skills• Debating skills• Organised	
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Someone who has a keen interest in politics.	
	Desirable:	
Qualifications/ School record	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• B or above in GCSE RE.• B or above in GCSE History.• B or above in GCSE Citizenship.	
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Happy to work in a group or independently• Research skills• Critical thinking	
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Someone who keeps up to date with current affairs locally, nationally and globally.	