

Key Stage 5 - Level 3 Politics

Year 1:

Exam Information

Exam Board and Specification Number

Edexcel: 8PLO

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How is the Subject Assessed?

These are the Unit Codes and their percentage weighting in Year 1

Paper 1: 8PLO/01 [50%]

Assessed by a 1hr 45min examination in the Summer Term.

Paper 2: 8PLO/02 [50%]

Assessed by a 1hr 45min examination in the Summer Term.

If students are on an A Level programme the above exams will be internally assessed.

Year 1

These are the Units of Work / Modules we study in Year 1

Component 1 - UK Politics:

You will study: Democracy and participation, Political parties, Electoral systems, Voting behaviour and the media.

Component 2 - UK Government:

You will study: The constitution, Parliament, Prime Minister and the Executive, and Relationships between institutions.

Entry Requirements

Students must complete the Year 12 Summer Preparation Task before beginning the course.

The minimum entry requirement will be six GCSE qualifications at grade 5 - 9 including English Language. In addition to this, students will be expected to achieve a grade 5 or above in at least one related subject e.g. History, psychology, sociology and English Literature.

Useful Resources for this subject

Links to useful resources to prepare you for this subject

[Glossary of Technical Terminology](#) [Recommended Text Books](#)

[Past Exam Papers](#)

[Government & Politics Related Articles](#)

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Progression

Progression Route, Higher Education & Career opportunities

Students will progress into Year 2 during which you have the opportunity to gain an A Level qualification in this subject.

Level 3 qualifications in Government and Politics will enable students to enter degree & degree level courses related to, international relations, local and national government, marketing and law.

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Year 2:

Exam Information

Exam Board and Specification Number

Edexcel: 9PLO

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How is the Subject Assessed?

These are the Unit Codes and their percentage weighting in Year 2:

Paper 1: 9PLO/01 [33.3%]

Assessed by a 2 hour examination in the Summer Term.

Paper 2: 9PLO/02 [33.3%]

Assessed by a 2 hour examination in the Summer Term.

Paper 3: 9PLO/03 [33.3%]

Assessed by a 2 hour examination in the Summer Term.

Year 2

These are the Units of Work / Modules we study in Year 2:

Component 1 - UK Politics

As well as revision of Year 1 topics, you will study: Core political beliefs, such as core ideas and principles of Conservatism, Liberalism and Socialism, and differing views and important figures within them.

Component 2 - UK Government

As well as revision of Year 1 topics, you will study: Relationship between branches, and a choice of ONE non-core political idea: Anarchism, Ecologism, Feminism, Nationalism and Multiculturalism. You will study the core ideas and principles, different types and important figures within the idea.

Component 3 - Comparative Politics

A choice of either studying US Politics (the US Constitution and federalism, US Congress, US Presidency, US Supreme Court and US civil rights, US democracy and participation and comparative theories) or Global Politics (the state and globalisation, global governance: political and economic, global governance: human rights and environmental, power and developments, regionalism and the European Union, and comparative theories).

Entry Requirements

The recommended minimum entry requirement is a D grade pass at AS Level [Year 1].

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