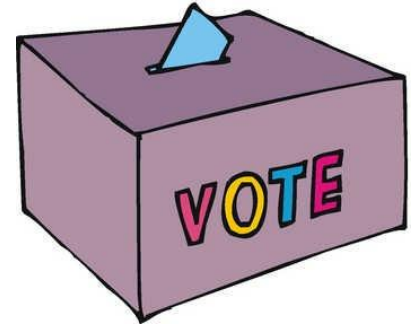


HIGHER POLITICS

AWARD RECEIVED

If successful, pupils will receive Higher Politics after their year of study.



ENTRY LEVEL – What do I need to do it?

This course is aimed at S6 pupils who have achieved good Higher results in a social subject such as Modern Studies or History and ideally, have an interest in political issues.

COURSE CONTENT: What will I Learn?

**new Labour
new Britain**

Political Parties & Elections – the dominant ideas of a political party during an election will be studied alongside the impact of the political campaign and analysis of voting behaviour. The focus will be on New Labour.

Political Theories – study ideologies to include Liberalism, Conservatism, Socialism, Nationalism and Fascism – we focus on two main theories which are Liberalism and Socialism.

Political Systems – use of a wide range of information to compare and contrast different political systems

TEACHING METHODS: what will I do?

The course is delivered through:

- Discussion of powerpoints
- Worksheets
- Group research tasks
- Individual research



ASSESSMENT: How will I be assessed?

- 2 exam papers: 73% of the final mark
- Paper 1: Worth 47% of your final mark. You will answer two 20mark essay questions and one 12 mark essay question.
- Paper 2: Worth 26% of your final mark. You will answer one 8 mark source comparison question and one 20 mark electoral data source question.
- Assignment: Worth 27% of you final mark – You will pick and research a political issue of your own choice.

HOMEWORK – This is given out regularly in the form of:

- Essays = 12 and 20 mark essays
- Source questions
- Assignment homework/research starting in December
- Pupils should always be keeping up-to date with the latest political news from the UK and USA.