



Wirral Grammar School for Boys Y11 A-level Options 2022.

FAQ Information Sheet for: POLITICS

Question 1 - which examination board?

EDEXCEL

Question 2 - What courses would we study?

Component 1: UK Politics (Including ideologies)

Component 2: UK Government (Including ideologies)

Component 3: US Politics

Question 3 - Do I have to be on a particular grade to do A Level Politics?

No, we are more interested in your passion for the subject and your willingness to work hard. We do not have a minimum grade requirement. You would need to talk to Mr Edwards or Mrs Ahern for further guidance.

Question 4 - Do I have to watch the news every day?

No, again it is your passion for the subject and desire to study it that is of the greatest interest to us. Keeping abreast is helpful but is not a prerequisite to study the subject.

Question 5 - Who will teach me?

We do not yet know is the answer to this question. However, it is very likely you will be co-taught by Mr Edwards and Mrs Ahern if a single group. Group and teacher allocation are decided by the timetable and not by the Department.

Question 6 - Is it all essays?

You will have three examination papers. One for each of your components. Each UK component will have a compulsory source question, one essay from a possible two and 1 ideologies question from a possible two. For the US component, there is two 12 Mark Questions, one of which is compulsory, the other via a choice of two, with the final question being an essay question from a choice of three. Although there are essays and they can seem daunting to begin with, try to see them as a way of showing what you know and understand. You are showcasing your expertise. Please be reminded that the ability to write in a clear, coherent manner is a very valuable skill and one esteemed by employers.

Question 7 - Is there coursework?

No.

Question 8 - Is there a lot to learn?

Yes, but again you are supported in this and the booklets are specifically designed to embed as much learning as possible as you work through the course.

Question 9 - Are there revision materials available?

Yes, the exam board has ensured that multiple publications have been sanctioned. Revision books, flash cards, podcasts can all be found online.

Question 10 - Is there a Politics trip?

A trip to Westminster is scheduled each year, with a potential visit to a party conference too.