

**Overview:**

POLITICS is about the way that people make decisions, how countries are governed, and the ways that government make laws. Y12 is about the politics of the UK and political ideas.

The Pearson 'Edexcel' syllabus is followed at Headlands School, which consists of three exam papers. Each exam is worth one-third of the overall grade, has a maximum on 84 marks and is 2 hours long.

Politics

Year 12

Term 3:

In Summer Term we contemplate the key political ideas of; conservatism, liberalism, socialism and nationalism.

Term 1:

Government and politics of the UK is the focus of much of Y12 and the course begins by looking at what democracy is and the growth of democracy in the UK over time.

We then look at political parties, like Labour and Conservatives, and things that affect party success. We explore why political parties have succeeded or failed.

Following this, we gain knowledge and understanding of different electoral systems, examining the advantages and disadvantages of each with analysis of the impact of the type of each electoral system on election results.

Finally, we question why people vote the way they do and what role the media has in voting behaviour.

Term 2:

In Spring Term we change from UK politics to exploring UK government. We look at the constitution and what's expected of Parliament, the Prime Minister, the Queen and the courts, even though it's not written down anywhere!

Next we look at the role and power of Parliament, the Prime Minister, the Cabinet, the European Union and the judiciary (courts).

We complete Spring Term by investigating conflicts between these branches of power and evaluate where the power really is in the UK and why.