



Politics Curriculum Intent



Students will follow an **enquiry based approach** to help them develop cultural capital of the the political systems of the UK and the USA. They will be given the opportunity to **debate and discuss** to develop their own ideas and beliefs and make **comparisons** between different theories and practices. Students will also develop a broad understanding of the **political ideologies** that underpin these systems.

Curriculum Principles	Curriculum Intent
Enquiry based approach	In order to allow students to develop their critical thinking skills, we will ensure students have the opportunity to ask and answer appropriate questions. Lessons will follow an enquiry based approach that helps develop their understanding of the subject.
Cultural Capital	By developing their understanding of the British and American political systems and how they operate, students should be well placed to become active and engaged citizens in the political process, able to place the systems in their relevant historical and cultural contexts of development.
Debate and Discuss	Politics is centred around the need for discussion and debate, welcoming a plurality of views. Politics will allow students to develop their discussion and debating skills, and express their own views in a considered and developed manner, while taking account of, and being respectful of, the views of others.
Comparative	Students to identify parallels, connections, similarities and differences between aspects of British and American political systems. This will allow students to consider the strengths and weaknesses of arguments and systems and develop substantiated conclusions and judgements.
Ideologically aware	Students should develop an awareness of the main ideologies that influence politics today, such as conservatism and liberalism. By doing so, and by understanding their histories and attitudes to the state, society and the economy, they should begin to recognise politics as degrees of separation rather than the polarised world it can often appear in modern politics.