



# The Henrietta Barnett School

## Politics



Authenticity - Kindness - Curiosity  
Connection - Endeavour

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# Year 12

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In Year 12, we aim to foster a genuine interest in Politics. This is done by encouraging students to develop a critical awareness of the nature of politics and the relationship between political ideas, institutions and processes. They acquire knowledge and understanding of the structures of authority and power within the political system of the United Kingdom, and how these may differ from those of other political systems. We also hope that students will acquire knowledge and informed understanding of the rights and responsibilities of the individual and encourage an interest in, and engagement with, contemporary politics. We follow the Edexcel examination board syllabus. The following topics are explored:

## Unit 1 UK Politics

### 1. Political participation

- Democracy
- Political parties
- Electoral systems
- Voting behaviour and the media.

### 2. Core Political ideas

- Conservatism
- Socialism
- Liberalism.

## Unit 2 UK Government

### 1. UK Government

- The constitution
- Parliament
- The prime minister and the executive
- Relationships between the branches.

### 2. Non-core political ideas

- One idea from the following: anarchism, ecology, multiculturalism, feminism, nationalism.

# Year 13

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In Year 13, we study comparative politics. The school chooses the global option. This includes the following topics:

- Sovereignty and globalisation
- Global governance: political and economic
- Global governance: human rights and environmental
- Power and developments
- Regionalism and the European Union
- Comparative theories.