

## Intention of Politics

The aim of our Politics A Level at Melton Vale is to develop our students' knowledge and skills to become the very best thinkers, analysts and communicators. We want our students to understand the ever-changing world around and to understand how their actions, and the actions of groups in society, can impact all of us. This political responsibility will enable our students to recognise where and how they can have an impact, both personally, within our school community, and beyond.

All learners in Politics will receive a high-quality political education as we bring the curriculum to life with both remote and outside speakers, virtual and actual educational visits, and activities that include debating and high level and challenging questioning. Students will develop the ability to both gather and question a wide range of news, using a variety of sources, from listening to Prime Ministers Question Time, to questioning our local MP, to listening to podcasts and following political events on social media such as twitter.

Students are guided to achieve a holistic understanding of the course through thinking synoptically. The political knowledge of theory, concepts, behaviours and institutions can be applied in new contexts. For instance, the study of different electoral systems is relevant when analysing referendums and political participation. Learning about constitutional change in the UK is deepened through an appreciation of the meaning of democracy and its different forms.

Our curriculum in Politics challenges students to think independently. We are also aware of the importance of instilling key British values such as tolerance in our students as we examine divisive issues such as Brexit and the response to the coronavirus pandemic. Students will study a range of topics, from constitutional debates such as reform of the House of Lords, to challenges to democracy posed by the plurality electoral system.

Furthermore, the aim is to understand the different skills and knowledge that students arrive with to use this to their benefit and to inspire with teachers who are enthusiastic and act as a role model in their passion for the subject. Politics teaching aims to support all post 18 applications and to know each individual student and be able to support them appropriately. The course will be structured to ensure progression, encourage independent learning, and build up the resilience to accept and overcome challenges and become confident political scientists.