

# St John's Curriculum Overview – A Level

<b>Subject title</b>	<b>A Level Politics (Edexcel)</b>
Setting arrangements	Mixed Prior Attainment Sets
Time allowance each fortnight	9 hours in Year 12 8 hours in Year 13 (2018-19)

## Introduction

The course offered is A Level Edexcel Politics, which is a linear course. There are three examinations at the end of Year 13.

The exams are:

1. UK Politics, including conservatism, liberalism and socialism.
2. UK Government, including anarchism.
3. Global Politics.

Each exam counts towards one third of the final grade.

## Topics, Skills and Assessment covered during the course

	Topics covered	Skills developed	Assessment
<b>Year 12 Teacher A</b>	Democracy, political parties, electoral systems, voting behaviour and the media in the UK.	The three key skills or Assessment Objectives are present across all of the exam papers and topics in Year 12 and Year 13: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Knowledge and understanding of political institutions, processes, concepts theories and issues.</li> <li>2. To analyse and explain aspects of politics and political information, including in relation to similarities and differences.</li> <li>3. The ability to make judgements based on evidence, and reach substantiated conclusions.</li> </ol>	Regular exam questions are set throughout the year. The Year 12 Mock Exam will contain a choice of essays from this topic area.
<b>Year 12 Teacher B</b>	The constitution, parliament, Prime Minister, government and other institutions in the UK.		Regular exam questions are set throughout the year. The Year 12 Mock Exam will contain a source based question from this topic area.
<b>Year 13 Teacher A</b>	Global politics such as the UN, IMF and human rights.		Regular exam questions are set throughout the year. The Year 13 Mock Exam will contain questions from this topic area.
<b>Year 13 Teacher B</b>	Ideologies: Conservatism, Liberalism, Socialism and Anarchism.		Regular exam questions are set throughout the year. The Year 13 Mock Exam will contain questions from this topic area.

### Resources Recommended for Revision and where they are available:

As this is a new course, publishers like Philip Allen are developing revision materials which will be recommended to students when available.

### Homework

Expected time allocation for the subject – Around two hours per week. Keeping up to date with political developments is encouraged.

### Additional support and help for the course

Revision sessions are available at the end of the course in lesson time.

### Extra-Curricular:

- A trip to Parliament. This includes a guided tour of the House of Lords and the House of Commons. Also, the opportunity to meet and question an MP or a Lord or people that work in Parliament.