



Curriculum Intent of

GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

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Intent

In Politics at Wexham, our intent is to develop students who can:

- Understand key elements of the governmental systems of the United Kingdom and how they interact with each other and the lives of individuals within the United Kingdom
- Identify and evaluate different elements of the political landscape of the United Kingdom and the actions of different stakeholders, including evaluation of democracy in its current form
- Understand recent political developments in the context of learned content, and engage with emergent discourse surrounding said political developments
- Identify political ideologies in current rhetoric and developments, and link this to ideological developments over time
- Evaluate the impact of political and governmental institutions globally and their impact upon the United Kingdom
- Critically engage with the wider world through mechanisms of British democracy and political participation

Skills

Throughout the course, students will develop the ability to:

- Extract key information from an extended text and adapt this information in a variety of different contexts
- Develop a sustained argument using a wide array of learned knowledge
- Critically compare arguments and ideologies from different perspectives
- Understand and form opinions on emergent political developments
- Engage with the provenance of different sources and its influence on political opinion
- Compare and contrast political and governmental ideas between the United Kingdom and the United States

Knowledge

The core knowledge students will develop is:

- Aspects of the UK Government and their roles: constitution, executive, legislative, judiciary, devolution, and key developments therein
- Aspects of UK politics and their roles and effects: the media, elections, political parties, democracy, political participation, and key developments therein
- Key elements of the European Union, including the structure and power of key institutions
- Aspects of the US Government and their roles in comparison to the United Kingdom: constitution, executive, legislative, judiciary (and key developments within the US)
- Aspects of US politics and their roles and effects: media, elections, political parties, democracy, participation, and civil rights (and key developments within the US)
- Core beliefs and tensions within disparate political ideologies (liberalism, conservatism, socialism, anarchism)