



## DRAYTON MANOR HIGH SCHOOL

### Success at Sixth Form – Subject Specific Tips

<b>Subject</b>	Government and Politics	
<b>Class and homework expectations</b>		
Students will be expected to write at least one timed essay in class each week, and to have prepared thoroughly for this. Students will be expected to read up on topics in advance of the lessons so they can contribute to discussions.		
<b>Scheme of Work</b>		
<b>Year 12</b>	<b>Year 13</b>	
Unit 1: People and politics: September to January Unit 2: Governing the UK January to May	Unit 3: British Political Issues: September to January Unit 4: The politics of the EU: January to May	
<b>Assessment Objectives</b>		
<p><b>AO1</b> Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of relevant institutions, processes, political concepts, theories and debates. 50% 30% 40%</p> <p><b>AO2</b> Analyse and evaluate political information, arguments and explanations, and identify parallels, connections, similarities and differences between aspects of the political systems studied. 30% 50% 40%</p> <p><b>AO3</b> Construct and communicate coherent arguments making use of a range of appropriate political vocabulary. 20% 20% 20%</p>		
<b>Assessment</b>		
<b>Year 12 (50%)</b>	<b>Year 13 (50%)</b>	
<p><b>Paper 1 (25%)</b> Written examination: 1 hour 20 minutes Students will be required to answer two structured questions from a choice of four. Each question will have a mark tariff of 5, 10 and 25 marks.</p>	<p><b>Paper 3 (25%)</b> Written examination: 1 hour 30 minutes Students must take one topic. For each topic, students are required to answer three short answer questions from a choice of five (15 marks each).</p>	

<p><b>Paper 2 (25%)</b>  Written examination: 1 hour 20 minutes  Students will be required to answer one stimulus-based question from a choice of two.  These questions will be structured with a mark tariff of 5, 10 and 25 marks.</p>	<p>Students are then required to answer one essay question from a choice of three (45 marks).</p> <p><b>Paper 4 (25%)</b>  Written examination: 1 hour 30 minutes  Students are required to answer three short answer questions from a choice of five (15 marks each).  Students will then be required to answer one extended question from a choice of two (40 marks).</p>
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**How to do well in the subject at A Level**

Learn the factual detail accurately, and as do much essay writing in timed conditions as possible.  
Prepare thoroughly for every lesson.  
Ask if there are any things you do not understand.  
Keep up with current political developments by following the news, and making notes on key issues.  
Learn from the course booklets thoroughly and annotate carefully.

**Support available**

All members of the department are available before and after school for advice and guidance.

Revision classes will be held close to the exams.

**How parents can help support**

Check that the student has the coursework booklets, and that the booklets have been carefully annotated.

**Helpful websites or resources**

Check the Edexcel website carefully for course guidance, mark schemes and examiners' comments.  
Department course guides.