

Politics Curriculum Intent

Department Philosophy: *The guiding philosophy of the History and Politics department can be derived from the original Greek meaning of the word History or 'historia' meaning to enquire critically or the act of seeking knowledge. We want our students to be inquisitive about the world around them and be aware of how political decisions and situations have a huge impact on their lives today. We also want to empower our students to be critical of narratives that are told them and enable them to carefully reach their own balanced and well thought out political opinions.*

By the end of Key Stage 3 our students will know:	By the end of Key Stage 4 our students will know:	By the end of Key Stage 5 our students will know:
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At WHSG our curriculum intent is ambitious but always inclusive, composed of powerful knowledge and cultural capital, coherent and well-sequenced, and broad only specialising when necessary