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The Politics Curriculum at St Mark's Catholic School is designed to every student in fulfilling their God given potential. In addition, it is designed to ensure students become active citizens and participants in the democratic processes by a thorough and stimulating study of UK Politics and Government as well as the core ideas (conservatism, liberalism, socialism) that underpin our democracy. As a non-core idea St Mark's have chosen feminism which has a focus on gender equality, the campaign for women's rights and inclusivity. By way of comparison, students follow US Politics in Year 13, which compares a Presidential system against the UK's parliamentary system. The nature of US Politics provides students with an insight into global politics.	We follow the Edexcel Government and Politics specification at KS5. We deliver the follow papers: - Paper 1: UK Politics & Core Ideas - Paper 2: UK Government & Non-Core Idea - Paper 3: Comparative Politics: USA Lessons are rigorous and students are expected to follow the changing nature of politics through engagement with the media. Lessons feature debates and discussion about how contemporary events can be applied to exam questions. Students find the course exciting and stimulating due to the ever-changing nature of politics in the UK and the USA. The focus in year 12 is on papers 1 and 2. The ideas are introduced throughout the year and feminism is introduced in year 13. In addition, year 13 has a focus on US Politics and ensuring students have a solid knowledge of UK Politics to compare with US Politics.	Politics is an increasingly popular subject at KS5 and is open to all students at the school and is not exclusively pitched to students who have studied history at GCSE. Many students go on to study politics and international relations at university. Students have also used the opportunity to seek placements with MPs and consider careers in related areas. Students leave well equipped with a strong understanding of UK citizenship, ideas, and political systems in the UK and USA.