

NEW: TEACHING PEARSON/EDEXCEL A LEVEL POLITICS FOR THE FIRST TIME

CODE 7547

ABOUT THIS COURSE

This course is designed for all teachers new to teaching Pearson/Edexcel A level Politics. The course will focus on effective and inspiring teaching approaches, strategies and techniques which make for real student learning, and ensure student progress and achievement to the highest levels in each of the key areas of the specification.

The course is led by an experienced A Level Politics teacher and examiner, and indeed something of an authority in the current political arena. Teachers attending the course can expect different perspectives which will enliven and broaden their Politics teaching.

PROGRAMME

Feedback from Recent Assessments and the challenges of the specification

- How have students performed: feedback from recent examinations and what examiners are looking for at the top levels
- Challenges and solutions: teaching solutions to the increased content within the specification
- Strategies to consider linearity and teaching the new content to enable students to stand out

Discussion: coffee break

New approaches to teaching Component 1

- How much history is required? What do examiners expect to see in written answers?
- Delivery methods which create engagement and high performance
- How is it linked to the present? Ensuring students can use examples well in their examinations
- Analysing answers to Component 1 to determine what differentiates high level responses

Teaching Political Theory

- What does political theory cover – going beyond the obvious for high level responses
- Making political theories relevant: how best to introduce and teach the detailed content to students
- Exam technique that works: how should students explain and utilise political theories in Component 2 answers

Lunch and informal discussion

Success in teaching Component 3

- How is comparative politics addressed in the specification?
- Making comparisons that are worth high marks: teaching the key techniques
- Comparing exam responses to move students up the grade boundaries

Discussion: afternoon tea

Teaching the key exam techniques for success

- What does the board expect? Preparing students for the specifics of the Pearson exams
- Topics and concepts where students struggle
- How should students revise to best utilise their knowledge of the Politics specification?

LOCATION/DATE

Online

Tuesday 16 March 2021

Tuesday 15 June 2021

COURSE LEADER

Dr Matt Cole has thirty years' experience teaching A level Politics, covering all areas of the specification. He has also taught relevant modules of undergraduate programmes for the University of Birmingham, the Open University and the Hansard Society. He has commented on political affairs for the BBC since 1992, and written for Politics Review, Talking Politics and Parliamentary Affairs.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Heads of Humanities
- Heads of Government & Politics
- All Teachers of Pearson/Edexcel A-level Politics
- Teachers considering teaching Pearson/Edexcel A-level Politics

BENEFITS OF ATTENDING

- Gain feedback on the 2020 exam and how students have performed in the Pearson spec exam
- Extend your subject knowledge on comparative politics and political theory
- Take away new ideas on introducing students to the concepts involved in these areas of the specification