

A-LEVEL GENERAL STUDIES

INTRODUCTION

General Studies offers students in the Sixth form the opportunity to examine contemporary issues, often outside your subject specialisms, but in which you may have a keen interest. It is a useful qualification to have to support university applications and to widen your knowledge and understanding of the world today. Increasingly universities are making offers including General Studies.

It will help you to develop your enquiry and critical thinking skills about interconnecting issues. It will also strengthen your ability to make inferences from data, images and documentary sources, to argue a case and draw reasonable conclusions.

All students will take General Studies in the Sixth form, following support sessions during the school year.

Students are prepared for the examination by the Head and Deputy Head of Sixth Form spending two hours on examination technique. Students' knowledge will come from the study of their A-levels.

ASSESSMENT

There is no coursework to complete in this subject. The examinations consist of two papers at AS level and two papers for A2 level:

AS Level:

- Unit 1 : Conflict – 1 ½ hrs – three structured essay questions from a choice of five
- Unit 2: Space – 1 ½ hrs – three questions: one based on data, one on images and one on text

A2 level:

- Unit 3: Power – 2 hrs – two questions based on four texts
- Unit 4: Change – 2 hrs – two data-response essays

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