THE WORTHGATE SCHOOL
CANTERBURY

COURSE DESCRIPTOR

IBDP GLOBAL POLITICS

SUBJECT OVERVIEW

The Global Politics course aims to develop international-mindedness in students through an examination of fundamental political concepts that have global significance. It also enables students to reach an awareness and appreciation of both their own civic responsibility at a local level and their shared responsibility as citizens of an increasingly interconnected world.

PRIOR LEARNING REQUIRED

An interest in and curiosity about the international politics
GCSE or equivalent
IELTS 5.5 or equivalent

EXAM BOARD

IBDP

COURSE CONTENT

Year 1	Year 2
Unit 1 – Power, sovereignty and international relations **Unit 2** – Human rights	**Unit 3** – Development **Unit 4** – Peace and conflict

ASSESSMENT

Formal internal assessments take place once every half term and homework is set on a regular basis.
Grades are determined by three components: two examined modules and an Engagement Activity (or Non-Examined Assessment) in the form of written report. Final examinations take place in May at the end of the 2-year course. HL students complete an additional non-examined assessment in the form of two oral presentations on Global Political Challenges.
An end of year exam must be passed for entry to year 2 and a mock exam must be passed for entry into the public exams.

Paper	Length of paper	Weighting
1. Core Units	25 marks 1 hour and 15 minutes written paper	20% HL 30% SL
2. Core Units	75 marks 2 hours and 45 minutes written paper	40% HL 45% SL
3. Engagement Activity: Written Report	25 marks Max 2000 words (non-exam assessment)	20% HL 25% SL
4. Global Political Challenges: Oral Presentations	20 marks Max 10 minutes each (non-exam assessment)	20% HL

TEXTBOOKS/REVISION GUIDES

Title	ISBN	Author
Global Politics (Oxford IB Diploma Programme)	978-0198308836	Max Kirsch

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Summaries of each unit, your notes and past examination papers will be your major source of revision.

HIGHER EDUCATION PATHWAYS

Global Politics will enhance your skills in research, essay writing, presentation, critical reading, and critical thinking to name a few, which are highly valued by universities and employers. Global Politics is popular with students who wish to study International Relations, Politics, PPE, Law at university and/or enter careers in diplomacy or civil service.

Previous Global Politics students have gained acceptance in undergraduate courses in Law and International Politics at prestigious Russell group universities.

CURRICULUM DIRECTOR

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