

# POLITICS & INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

**This class is designed to give students a background on various international events and their impact on international society. We will examine the causes, effects and results of several major global historical events and their impact on foreign relations. This is accomplished through studying the politics, policy and institutions that shape and control the international infrastructure.**

The class is centered around lecture and presentations about current topics, and is followed by in class discussion. We watch experts from historical documentaries and political speeches, as well as listen to related radio programs and news stories.



Students will engage in discussion and be encouraged to bring thoughtful, completed homework to contribute in greater detail to the conversation. Critical thinking and an open mind are vital components of this class, so students should be prepared to challenge their ideas about the world and stand up for what they

believe in. Working in small groups to describe their thoughts and opinions on specific case studies allows them to compare and contrast their ideas with their classmates on a personal level before coming together as a group to further examine the topics.

Students will learn about the different government structures and history of politics around the world and partake in a mock election, comparing lifestyles during the Cold War, conducting interviews, taking on the role of a member of Parliament or an NGO volunteer and put their knowledge to work. There are also opportunities for guest speakers and visits to local government offices in support of our current topics.

After successful completion of this course, students will not only understand government, peace and justice in Europe, but around the world as well. Their ideologies will be undoubtedly strengthened as they develop a deeper understanding of themselves and the world they live in.

