

# YEAR 10 – GLOBAL ISSUES

Have you ever considered why certain states have more power than others? Wonder what life would be like under a different government? Want to increase your knowledge about global events? Then this is the subject for you! This subject allows students to develop an understanding of the local, national, international and global dimensions of political activity, as well as providing the opportunity to explore political issues affecting their own lives. In doing so, they examine the nature and effectiveness of key global actors in their response to global challenges such as the rise of populist leaders, the power of the United Nations, transnational corporations, global refugee crisis, development issues, war and terrorism and climate change. Developing international mindedness and an awareness of multiple perspectives is at the heart of this course.

## POWER AND SOVEREIGNTY

Students will learn the fundamental concepts of power, sovereignty and multilateralism and apply these to real-life events. Students will understand how states with different values respond to global issues. Students are introduced to the political spectrum: left, right, radical, conservative, and explore ideas that shape political systems.

### AREA OF STUDY

- Power and ideas
- Political actors
- Global links
- Comparing governments
- Global cooperation and conflict

### OUTCOMES

- Define key concepts such as sovereignty, power, and national interest.
- Identify political concepts within case studies.
- Apply an understanding of political concepts to real-life events.
- Identify different global perspectives of global actors.
- Construct explanations that use supporting evidence.

## MODEL UNITED NATIONS

Students dive into the world of international diplomacy and global affairs with Model United Nations (MUN). Aspiring diplomats come together to debate, negotiate, and collaborate on pressing international issues, mirroring the real United Nations. From writing position papers to crafting resolutions, students hone in their debating, critical thinking and leadership skills.

### AREA OF STUDY

- Presenting ideas and policies
- Representing states
- Influencing government policies
- Policy development
- Debating and negotiating

### OUTCOMES

- Develop a mindset of a diplomat by collaborating within a team to communicate effectively, delegate tasks, and accomplish a shared objective.
- Research policies, history and culture of an assigned nation.
- Implement strategic thinkings to address global issues.
- Develop empathy and an appreciation of different viewpoints and perspectives.