WorldWise Global Schools (WWGS)

Case Study of Good Practice GCE
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**Global Passport Stamp(s):** Curricular; Student Capacity & Engagement;

**Theme:** Politics & Society

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**What they did (who they involved, what was the outcome etc):**

Politics & Society was open to all schools from the beginning of the 2018/19 academic year. St. Joseph’s Secondary School Rush were one of the first cohort of schools to offer Politics & Society to their students.

Politics & Society aims to develop the learner’s capacity to engage in reflective and active citizenship, informed by the insights and skills of social and political sciences.

The exam is available at Higher and Ordinary Level and is 2.5 hours long, divided into three sections. The exam itself is worth 80% of the students' marks for the subject, while 20% of their overall total is marked in April in the form of a research project.

The subject includes areas like power and decision making; active citizenship; human rights and responsibilities; and globalisation and localisation.

The subject provides so much opportunity to explore GCE in the classroom, and really challenges your thinking as both a teacher and a student.
The course allows students to be self directed learners and critical, independent thinkers, and provides the opportunity for engaging with key ideas, thinkers and concepts through the use of active teaching and learning methodologies, with really positive benefits for students.