



Politics and Society

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Why Study Politics & Society

- To give yourself the tools to become an active citizen who can change things for the better in your community, your country and your world.
- To become aware of how connected our society is and how the decisions we make affect others and vice versa.
- To understand how the political system works, so that your voice can be heard on issues that matter to you.



What do we Study?

Politics impacts nearly every aspect of our lives; it is more than just what happens on the news.

The 4 main areas of study are:

1. Power & Decision Making
2. Human Rights & Responsibilities
3. Globalisation and Localisation
4. Active Citizenship



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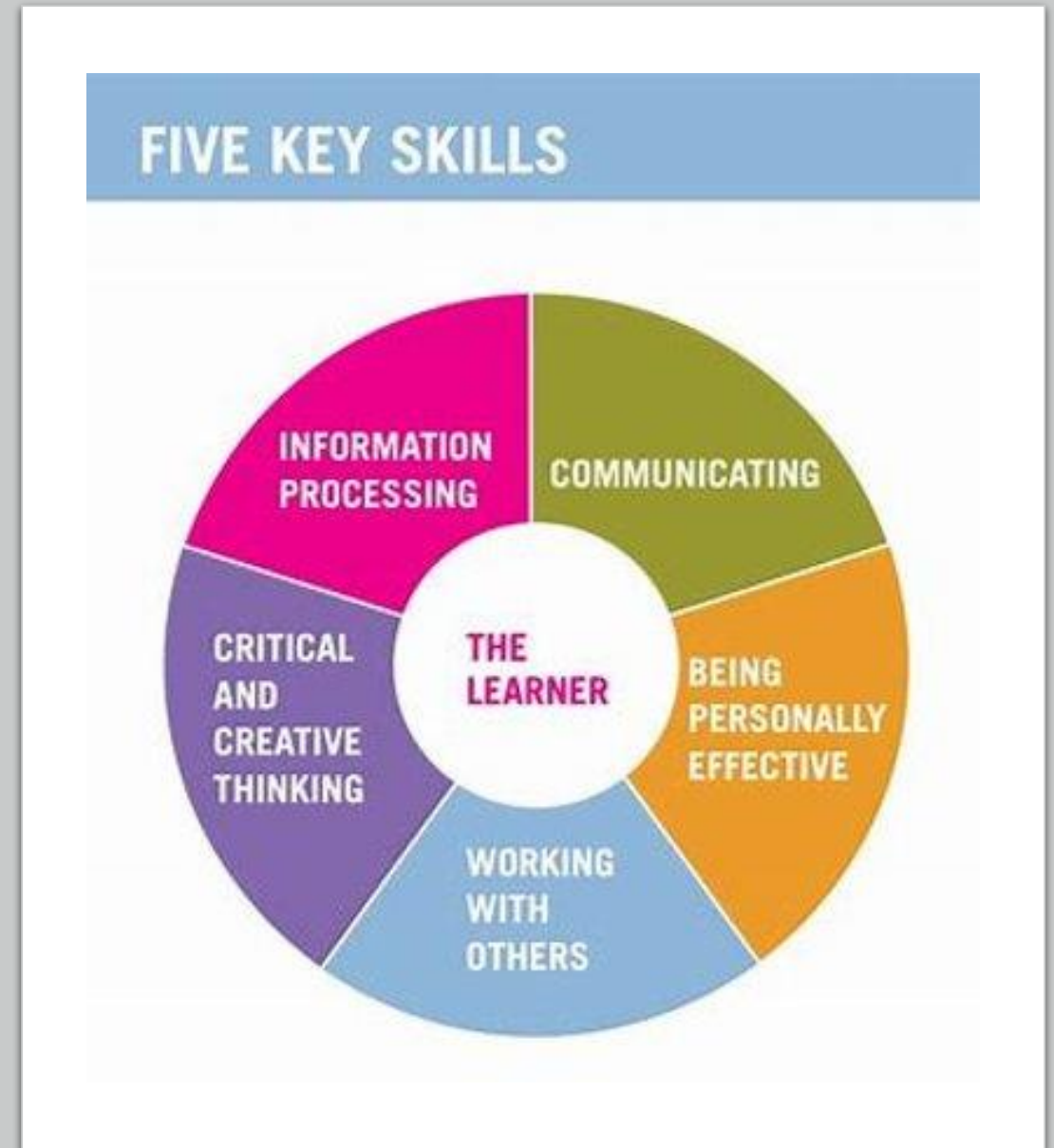
Within these 4 areas topics covered include:

- The need for rules
- The role of education
- Equality and discrimination
- Human Rights e.g., women's rights, LGBTQ rights, Childrens rights,
- Environmental issues
- Human development
- The role of the media
- Identity
- Power – Irish Government, the EU



Skill Development

- Politics and Society is concerned with learning that can be utilised and made relevant in everyday life
- The skills, knowledge, values and attitudes that you will develop, will be of value to you throughout your life; in your engagement with political processes, and in decisions you will make in your work and personal life



Assessment

Assessment will be carried out through two assessment components:

- Written examination – 80%
- Citizenship project – 20%



Links with other L.C. subjects



Politics & Society links with many other leaving cert subjects. Most notably:

- Geography
- Business
- History
- Home Economics
- Religion
- English
- Maths - data



Further Study

Politics and Society provides an opportunity to link into:

- Social, scientific and philosophical subjects in further & higher education
 - Sociology
 - Political studies
 - Philosophy and anthropology
 - Social work, social care and human resources management
 - International relations
 - Women's studies
 - Development studies
 - Equality studies
 - Journalism
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For more detail on the course
structure and assessment
criteria, view the following
video from the PDST:

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