



Politics

A-Level

Politics is an exciting, challenging and diverse A-Level. It will equip you with the knowledge and skills to understand and challenge the application of power at home and abroad. You will also explore political ideas that have dominated global politics and international relations for centuries.

This course is essential for those who have an enquiring mind and keen interest in current affairs.

Course Content and Assessment:

Component 1: UK Politics - 33%. This component examines political participation and democracy in the United Kingdom, focusing on the main political parties and electoral systems, as well as the influence of the media and voting behaviour. This component will also explore the core political ideas of conservatism, liberalism and socialism.

Component 2: UK Government - 33%. This component examines the workings of government in the United Kingdom, focusing on the constitution, the role of Parliament, the government and the judicial system. This component will also explore a non-core political idea such as anarchism, feminism or multiculturalism.

Component 3: Comparative Politics 33%. This component consolidates your knowledge of UK government to compare with the institutions and branches of US Government. Students will study the roles of Congress, the president and the Supreme Court of the United States and compare their power and role to UK institutions.

Extending Your Experience :

There will be opportunities to visit the heart of power in both the UK and USA. We plan to run trips to Westminster to gain an insight into the daily operations in the heart of British democracy, as well as an international visit to Washington DC to explore the US Capitol and global institutions.

Entry Requirements: Normally, you will be expected to have GCSE English Language or Literature or History at grade 5 or above. However, students will be considered on an individual basis.

Where will this course take me? A-Level Politics is a well-respected course as it will equip you with skills in communication, analysis and critical thinking. Politics can provide the foundation of knowledge useful for further study in Law, media and journalism, History and courses in Politics and International Relations. Students of A-Level Politics have progressed to work in sectors such as the Civil Service, the diplomatic service, Non-Governmental Organisations, teaching, law and international business.