



Politics A Level

What will you study?

Students will study UK politics and UK government, which will give them a core knowledge and understanding of the UK's political system through interesting lessons and engaging wider reading. This will include analysis of democratic participation, political parties and changes to voting behaviour. Students will then develop this knowledge and understanding at A Level, and study the core political ideas of conservatism, liberalism and socialism. Students will also complete a comparative section comparing UK politics to the USA's political system.

Course Outline

Component 1: UK Politics: Written examination - 2 hours 33% of the qualification 84 marks.

Study includes assessing the UK's political parties and political systems whilst evaluating changes to themes such as voting behaviour and the development of media and its impact on UK politics. Students will also learn about the core political ideas of conservatism, liberalism and socialism.

Component 2: UK Government: Written examination - 2 hours 33% of the qualification 84 marks.

Study included assessing and evaluating the make up, methods and effectiveness of institutions such as the House of Commons, House of Lords, Prime Minister and the executive. Students will also learn about a non-core political idea, such as feminism or anarchism.

Component 3: Comparative Politics - Written examination: 2 hours 33% of the qualification 84 marks.

Study will include the US Constitution and federalism, US Congress, US presidency, US Supreme Court and civil rights, democracy and participation, comparative theories to those used in the UK.

Where could this take you?

All AS and A2 courses provide transferable knowledge and skills that prepare learners for progression to university. The transferable skills that universities value include:

- Evaluative skills
- Essay Writing Skills
- Source Analysis and Interpretation Skills
- Research/ Evaluation of Evidence

A Level Politics can also prepare participants with the knowledge and qualifications needed to find employment in fields such as; political journalism, political writer, civil servant, Government social research officer, Member of Parliament, politicians assistant and many more.

- Politics
- Journalism
- Political Advisor/Assistant
- Public/private Sector Work e.g. Local Councils or Charities

Entry Requirements

- Grade 6 or more in an English subject (Language or literature);
OR
- Grade 5 or 6 in a Humanities subject (History, RS or Geography)

