

A-Level Politics

COURSE OUTLINE

A qualification in Politics prepares you for many forms of employment and future study. It is the fundamental study of human nature, how we relate to each other and how we have built societies. You will study how and why society functions and understand the changes and developments that impact on our daily lives. We will examine the changing nature of Politics in the UK, the role of Political Parties, how the voting systems work and have changed throughout the UK, as well as the impact of the media on voting behaviour.

Does Politics have any value in the 'real world' and what can Politics do for me?

You will gain many analytical and practical skills including the ability to conduct research, as well as improving your oral and written communication; all of these are invaluable skills in today's employment market.

Politics is often seen as being the art of negotiation and persuasion, and you will develop and hone these skills to better prepare you for life after education.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

You must have at least five GCSEs Grade 9-4 including at least a Grade 6 in both English language and literature at GCSE.

COURSE CONTENT & ASSESSMENT

Year 1

Unit 1 - UK Politics - 1 hour 45 mins

Unit 2 - UK Government - 1 hour 45 mins

Year 2

Unit 1 - UK Politics and Core Political Ideas - 2 hours

Unit 2 - UK Government and Non-core Political Ideas - 2 hours

Unit 3 - Comparative Politics - USA - 2 hours

PROGRESSION

Government and politics is a valuable subject no matter what career you intend to pursue due to the range of transferable skills you will develop on this course.

Students who study Government and Politics at A-Level often go on to study subjects such as History, Law, Journalism and Economics. There are also a variety of Politics based course options available, including American Studies, International Relations, Global Development, Government and European Union Studies, Humanities, Anthropology, Political Science, in addition to stand alone Politics degrees. These courses will prepare you for roles in all walks of life - from becoming a Reporter to training as a Lawyer or Teacher and even becoming involved in a public sector service or embarking on a Political Career.