

POLITICS A-LEVEL

What is the course about?

- UK Politics: including democracy, political parties, voting systems and the media.
- UK Government: including the constitution, role and power of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.
- Political Ideas: including Liberalism, Socialism, Conservatism and Nationalism.
- Comparative Politics (USA): including US constitution and Federalism, Congress, Presidency, Supreme Court and Civil Rights.

What kind of students is this course suitable for?

The following attributes make a successful Politics student:

- A desire to find out how and why things happen
- Willingness to discuss issues and listen to other people's opinions
- Enthusiasm for reading widely and following the news
- Ability to communicate concisely through written work

What do I need to know or be able to do before taking this course?

Politics is a well-established subject. You do not need to have any previous knowledge of Politics in order to begin the course. It is more important that you have a lively desire to explore new ideas and opinions together with the ability to communicate effectively.


Students must achieve a GCSE grade 4 in at least one of the following: English Language, History or Religious Studies.

What could I go on to do at the end of my course?

A significant number of students have gone on to study Politics or International Relations at University. Others have chosen to study Law, Journalism, Social Sciences and more.

Are there any special considerations I should be aware of?

A trip to Parliament and the Supreme Court, as well as a visit from local MPs.

 Speak to a member of the department

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