

# A-level Government & Politics

Below you will find some information regarding the A-level Politics course. Please note that there are some entry requirements for this course; please speak to us if you have any queries or questions.

## What is covered?

This A-level is designed to develop critical thinking and an awareness of the nature of politics and the relationship between citizens and institutions of government. You will cover the following:

### First Year:

- You will explore the role of people and politics looking at what politics is, what political parties are, different electoral systems and what role pressure groups play in our system.
- You will go on to look at how the United Kingdom is governed with a focus on the roles of Parliament and the Prime Minister.
- Year 12 ends with a detailed study of political ideologies, focusing on: liberalism, conservatism, socialism and anarchism.

### Second Year:

- Focusing on a comparison of the UK system of government with the US system.
- There will be three units of study across Years 12 and 13 which are examined externally.
- All three exams will be sat at the end of Year 13.

## What does the course involve?

This course will help you explore how different political systems work. It is a fascinating subject that will see you developing a deeper understanding of the government and discover more about how people resolve conflict in society peacefully through political discussion and agreement.

You will undertake a wide range of research, and this subject is crucial if you are considering taking Politics at university. However, it will also support other related subjects such as Economics, History, Psychology and Sociology.

## Quick course facts

You should have a minimum of five GCSEs graded at level 4 or above, including Mathematics and a level 5 or above in English.

You will learn about how the political system works, and how it is influenced.

This course will develop your questioning and debating skills.

You will be assessed through exams and coursework.

A qualification in politics supports a wide range of careers.

If you are keen to undertake this course, reading a quality newspaper is a good idea.

