

Politics

Why this course is right for you

Politics helps us to understand our world by looking at the way that governments work and the ideas behind them. It also explains how countries work together to tackle some of the greatest problems facing our world, including poverty and climate change.

The A Level Politics courses will help you to develop skills of analysis and critical evaluation. You will be encouraged to question evidence, weigh arguments and defend your own point of view, both in writing and through discussion. You will also have regular opportunities to develop your skills of debate and presentation.

If you enjoy argument and debate, this is the place to find it. If you want to make informed choices in your daily life, you need to understand politics.



Course Content

Exam board: Edexcel

Head of Department: Ashley Pearson

Year 1 Topics

- Unit 1: UK Politics
- Unit 2: UK Government

Year 2 Topics

- Unit 3: Global Politics

Assessment:

Unit 1: One examination; 33⅓%

Unit 2: One examination; 33⅓%

Unit 3: One examination; 33⅓%

Additional Experiences

A visit to the Houses of Parliament, during which you will have the opportunity to meet an MP, tour the Palace of Westminster and watch the proceedings of the House of Commons. Participation in, and leadership of, political events within the school.

Subject Entry Requirements

Grade 5 in GCSE History, Geography or REP as well as a Grade 5 in GCSE English and a genuine interest in Politics and the world around you.

Beyond A Levels

This A Level will provide you with excellent preparation for degrees in Economics, History, Politics and Philosophy. A Level Politics will also equip you with vital skills of analysis and evaluation, academic writing and critical thinking.

If you would like to go into Law, A Level Politics will give you a grounding in rights, justice and the legal systems of the UK and EU. If your main interest is in the sciences, this qualification will provide an excellent contrast, developing skills and knowledge which will be relevant to you throughout life.

Going further

If you think you might be interested in Politics take a look at the following:

- Past Present Future Podcast
- The Rest is Politics Podcast
- These Times Podcast

“Democracy is not just the right to vote, it is the right to live in dignity”

Naomi Klein