

Politics

Course objectives- An awareness and understanding of the nature of Politics and how political processes and institutions interact. Within Politics students will be able to draw comparisons and contrasts between political systems and analyse the impact of political ideologies.

Main qualifications- A level

Awarding body- Edexcel

Other qualifications- None

Duration/lessons per week- 2 years x10 lessons per fortnight

Progression opportunities-

A level Politics supports students wishing to progress to University or Degree Apprenticeships to study and develop a career within Politics and Government. The study of Politics provides a foundation for career interests within areas including; Law, Economics, International relations and Sociology.

Course Content

The A level course comprises three units.

- Component 1- UK Politics and Core Political Ideas
- Component 2- UK Government and Non-Core Political Ideas
- Component 3- Comparative Politics

Component 1; UK Politics and Core Political Ideas

- Democracy and Participation
- Electoral systems and voting behaviour
- Political parties
- The role of the Media
- Socialism

- Conservatism
- Liberalism

Component 2; UK Government and Non-Core Political Ideas

- The Constitution
- Prime Minister and Executive
- Parliament
- Relationships between branches of government
- A non-core Ideology

Component 3; Comparative Politics- US Politics and Government option

- The US Constitution and Federalism
- US Congress
- US Presidency
- US Supreme court and civil rights
- Democracy and Participation
- US Politics in comparison to UK Politics
- US Government in comparison to UK Government

Assessment

Students are assessed through three equally weighted externally assessed examinations;

Component 1- UK Politics and Core Political Ideas	84 marks 2 hours
Component 2- UK Government and Non-Core Political Ideas	84 marks 2 hours
Component 3- Comparative Politics	84 marks 2 hours

Costs- None

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