

Why study Politics?

Politics is the tool with which we can all enact change in the world. If you're interested in issues such as the crisis in Syria, the effect of Jeremy Corbyn's leadership of the Labour party, or the possibility of Britain's exit from the EU, then this is the course for you. By studying Government and Politics you will gain an understanding of the political process, from elections to the formation and implementation of policy. You will also develop your own informed political opinion, a wider understanding of the issues facing society today, and a confidence in sharing these in both verbal and written communications. Due to the transferable skills and high level of critical thinking required, Politics AS level is highly regarded by universities and is a recommended course for many degrees including politics, history and modern foreign languages.



What will I study?

You will study the relationship between the British government and the people, our ability to participate in the political process and the existing structure of representative democracy. You will also learn about the major governmental processes within the UK and develop a critical understanding of the role and effectiveness of key institutions. This will regularly be done in the context of current political news stories.

How will I study?

Lessons will involve note taking, discussions and debates covering a wide variety of issues. Outside of the classroom you will be asked to research and take notes on various topics, write essays and prepare mini presentations to give to the class.

How will my work be assessed?

You will be following the Eexcel specification which is made up of two written examinations.

AS Unit 1: People and Politics

AS Unit 2: Governing the UK