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AS and A-Level Politics are studied here as a linear course.

Why did Britain vote to leave the EU? Could Britain return to the EU? What are the limits on the power of President Biden? Will Boris Johnson survive his term? Should we have another national lockdown? If you are interested in these big questions then Politics is the subject for you.

Politics is a subject that is driven by debate, and will help you develop as an informed and analytical thinker. It allows you to study current affairs as an expert and learn how to fluently express your ideas in writing.

Course Outline

AS Level:

Component 1: UK Politics

1. Democracy and participation
2. Political parties
3. Electoral systems
4. Voting behaviour and the media.

Component 2: UK Government

1. The constitution
2. Parliament
3. Prime Minister and executive
4. Relationships between the branches.

A Level

Political Ideas

1. Liberalism
2. Conservatism
3. Socialism.
4. Feminism

Component 3: Government and Politics of the USA

1. The US Constitution and federalism
2. US Congress
3. US presidency
4. US Supreme Court and US civil rights
5. US democracy and participation
6. Comparative theories.

Career Progression

A Level Politics is excellent preparation for studying Politics at university. Politics graduates are among the most employable, due to the variety of skills acquired in the subject, such as analytical thinking and writing. A Level Politics is also useful if you wish to study History, Law, Economics, Sociology, Philosophy or International Relations at University.

You might consider a career in a non-governmental organisation (NGO), a charity, working in politics for a local council, or even as a Member of Parliament. The course would also support a career in journalism or law.

Complementary Subjects

Politics shares common topics with Economics, History and Sociology but combines well with nearly every other subject.

Entry requirements

Students must have at least a grade 6 in either GCSE History or English.

What our Students say:

“Politics is my favourite A Level subject because there is always a chance to debate topics, especially Brexit, Votes at 16 and the rise of Donald Trump!”

Edil – class of 2019

‘Studying politics means you get to explore many of the stories you find in the news like the actions of ministers like Matt Hancock or the storming of the US Capitol. Every lesson is a chance to debate and break down these topics!’

Mariam – Class of 2021