

A Level Politics

Topics

1st Year

C1 – UK Politics

Looking at levels of participation in democracy, electoral systems, the impact of pressure groups, how political parties have changed and the impact of the media on voting behaviour.

C2 – UK Government

Which will explore, the constitution, the structure and role of the House of Commons and the House of Lords, the role and relationship of the Prime Minister, the Cabinet and the Executive and finally the role and relationship between the EU and the judiciary with the UK.

2nd Year

C3 – Ideologies (core and non-core)

- Liberalism
- Socialism
- Conservatism
- Nationalism

C4 – Global Politics

You will explore the constitution and government of America as well as issues with democracy. You will compare the institutions of American government and politics with those of the UK.

There are three external examinations sat at the end of the two year A levels. Additionally, there is still an opportunity to sit an AS in this subject, which will enable students to gain a grade/UCAS points for half an A level.





Qualifications aims and objectives

The aims and objectives of this qualification are to enable students to:

- Develop knowledge and an informed understanding of contemporary political structures and issues in their historical context, both within the United Kingdom (UK) and globally.
- Develop a critical awareness of the changing nature of politics and the relationships between political ideas, institutions and processes.
- Develop knowledge and an informed understanding of the influences and interests which have an impact on decisions in government and politics.
- Develop knowledge and an informed understanding of the rights and responsibilities of, individuals and groups.
- Develop the ability to critically analyse, interpret and evaluate political information to form arguments and make judgements.
- Engagement with contemporary politics.

There is also the opportunity for students to attend a Politics trip to destination like the Houses of Parliament, Poland and the USA.