

Politics is a current, lively and thought-provoking course which gives students the opportunity to explore the big issues in our world. It allows students to understand how politics and power work in the United Kingdom but it also introduces them to global politics and the way that states are linked and dependent upon each other. It will equip students with many skills, from the knowledge needed to engage in discussions about the state of global affairs to debating the reasons for voting. It hones analytical skills and develops knowledge of how the world we live in works. With all the events and changes taking place in our world, it would be hard to imagine a more interesting time to do A Level Politics!

Student Profile

A successful student will need:

To take a keen interest in the world around them.

To keep up to date with current events and the news in the UK and globally.

To be willing to put forward opinions and debate ideas.

Regularly read quality newspapers and watch news programmes.

Have a genuine interest in knowing more about the way the UK is governed and how global politics impacts on our world.

You don't need to know anything about politics to start the A Level but you will be expected to develop your knowledge in the ways outlined here.

Course Content (Edexcel)

Exam Board - Edexcel

Component 1: UK Politics and core political ideas [2.5 hour exam]

Component 2: UK Government and non-core political ideas [2.5 hour exam]

Component 3: Global politics [2.5 hour exam]

There is no coursework in this subject.

Skills Gained

- Be able to critically analyse, interpret and evaluate complex information to form arguments and make judgements.
- A critical awareness of politics, and the relationship between political ideas, institutions and processes.
- Report writing, essay writing and presentation skills.
- An understanding of UK and global politics.

The Future - What Next?

An A Level in Politics lends itself to multiple career pathways from law, media and journalism to business management, the civil service and both local and national government. You could even take it right to the top and go for Prime Minister! You don't have to want to be a politician to do this course though because the skills you develop as part of this programme open the doors to plenty of subjects and opportunities post A Level. It is a particularly good A Level choice for anyone wanting to go on to further education because of the important skills and knowledge you develop. It is particularly useful if you want to study subjects such as: law, international politics, history, media, English literature, economics and sociology.



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