



# Government & Politics A Level

**Exam Board:** AQA

**Entry requirements:** Grade 5 in GCSE English Language

## Intent

### Structure

Lively, relevant, controversial...there are many ways to describe A-level Politics. There's no denying that it's one of the most interesting and engaging qualifications you can choose.

Covering news and current affairs from the UK and US, it helps you understand how the UK country is run and develops research, written communication and debate skills. It also helps grow your confidence.

It's ideal if you're considering studying politics, sociology, ethics, advertising or journalism at university and is highly regarded by employers in industries including politics, international organisations, the media, government and the civil service.

The course is exam-based and you will be expected to write essays discussing different viewpoints and arguments, as well as reaching your own informed conclusions.

## Implementation

### Content & Sequencing

Subject content

1. Government and politics of the UK
2. Government and politics of the USA and comparative politics
3. Political ideas

### Assessment Methods

To show your breadth of knowledge and understanding, there is a simple and straightforward structure and layout for the exam papers, using a mixture of question styles. There is no coursework.

There are three written exams at the end of the second year. Each is two hours long and worth 77 marks (33.3% of the A Level). The questions are a mixture of medium length 'explain'-style questions, extract based essays and evaluative essays.



## Impact

### Onward Progression

If you have an interest in current affairs and enjoy debate and discussion, this subject is for you. Everyone is affected by politics and the actions of politicians, therefore studying and talking about politics are a necessary part of the life that we lead. You must enjoy reading about current affairs and watching programmes such as Question Time and the Daily Politics show, and you must be interested in how and why decisions are made by politicians in a democratic system.

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