



Government & Politics A Level

Exam Board: Edexcel

Entry requirements: Grade 5 in GCSE History/Geography

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.

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

The course is divided into three sections;

- **The Government and Politics of the United Kingdom:** How the UK is run, and why.
- **Political ideas:** We closely examine some of the most influential ideologies in the world today.
- **Government and Politics of the United States:** We finish by studying the US, in order to directly compare it to the UK.

Assessment Methods

Examination only assessment. 3 x papers, 2 hours each;

- Paper 1: UK Politics
- Paper 2: UK Government
- Paper 3: Comparative Politics



Impact

Skills gained and enrichment opportunities

Trips including; A visit to parliament in London, Washington D.C. Capitol of the US and seat of government.

Students have also historically led the organisation of a hustings in school, during general elections

Onward Progression

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.

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