**Government and Politics**

Government & Politics is taught in Key Stage 5 and follows the AQA specification. It is an A-level which challenges students to develop and use their interest in all things political to examine a range of issues. Students are expected to use examples of political issues, stories, speeches and experiences within their answers. Therefore active interest in politics is important.

At AS-level Government & Politics covers the following units:

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Governing Modern Britain** | **Participation in Politics** |
| Sept / Oct | The British Constitution (Chapter 9) | Participating in politics |
| Nov/ Dec | The Judiciary (Chapter 10) | Participating through the ballot box |
| Jan/Feb | Core Executive (Chapter 13) | Electoral systems  Referendums |
| Mar/April | Core Executive (Chapter 14) | Pressure groups |
| May | **Exam prep** | **Exam prep** |
| June | Begin A2 Politics | Begin A2 Politics |

In Year 13 the course takes a different approach, focussing on more philosophical, historical and economic aspects of politics. In particular, knowledge of the history of fascism and an understanding of how the British economy works is very useful for students.

At A2-level Government & Politics covers the following units:

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | **GOV3b** | **GOV3b** |
| Sept / Oct | Ideologies:  Conservatism  Fascism | Ideologies:  Liberalism  Socialism |
| Nov/ Dec | Ideologies:  Conservatism  Fascism  Exam technique | Ideologies:  Liberalism  Socialism  Exam technique |
| Jan/Feb | Mock exam + **GOV4b** Ideologies in Action  Education | Mock exam + **GOV4b** Ideologies in Action  Gender & ethnicity |
| Mar/Apr | The economy | The environment |
| May | exams | exams |

Assessment is based on exam technique, knowledge and understanding. Students are expected to revise from September through until June in their independent learning time, and this work will form much of their exam preparation.