

Politics

Would I enjoy studying Politics?

Studying Politics at A-level will make you think differently about the society in which you live. Politics affects every aspect of our lives on a daily basis so although we might criticize the system it is good to have a knowledge and understanding of how it works. This subject is always current and for that reason it is never boring; you can always make links to contemporary issues. You will enjoy this A-level if you enjoy discussion, debate and sharing your opinions with others. You will need to be comfortable with essay writing and analyzing sources too.

An Brief Overview of the Exams

Exam	Topic Covered	Examples of content
Paper One	Government and Politics of the UK	<i>British Constitution</i> <i>The Judiciary</i> <i>Democracy and Participation</i>
Paper Two	Government and Politics of the USA and Comparative Politics	<i>The Electoral Process</i> <i>Civil Rights</i> <i>Comparisons of the structure of government in USA and UK</i>
Paper Three	Political ideas	<i>Conservatism</i> <i>Socialism</i> <i>Liberalism</i> <i>Feminism</i>

What will I gain from studying politics?

- ✓ You will develop your critical thinking skills and the ability to interpret & evaluate
- ✓ You will develop a critical awareness of the nature of politics and the relationship between political ideas, institutions and processes
- ✓ You will acquire knowledge and understanding of the structures of authority and power within the political systems of the United Kingdom and the US
- ✓ You will acquire knowledge and informed understanding of the rights and responsibilities of the individual to develop your interest in and engagement with contemporary politics.

Careers linked with Politics

Careers in the legal profession, journalism, the media, public relations, the Civil Service, research (both academic and governmental), education (including teaching), NGOs (such as Oxfam, Amnesty International) and, of course, a career as a politician!

Books: Politics students are requested to purchase textbooks for the course. The cost is around £25.00 for Y12 with further books needed in Y13. New copies are not essential, as good second hand copies are available through Amazon or similar.