

A LEVEL

POLITICS

Exam Board: AQA

Course Code: 7152

Entry Requirements:

Average of grade 5 or higher across all GCSE exams including a minimum grade of 5 for English and Maths.

Course Summary:

Paper 1: Government and Politics of the UK

Paper 2: Government and Politics of the USA and Comparative Politics

Topics include:

- The government of the UK
- Structure and role of parliament
- The Prime Minister
- The Judiciary
- The Politics of the UK
- Democracy and participation
- Referendums and Elections
- Political parties
- Pressure Groups
- European Unions

Topics include:

- The constitutional framework of the USA
- The legislative branch of government: congress
- The executive branch of government: The President
- The judicial branch
- Electoral process and direct democracy
- Political parties
- Pressure groups
- Civil Rights
- Comparative politics

Paper 3: Political ideologies

Topics include:

- Liberalism
- Conservatism
- Socialism
- Nationalism
- Feminism
- Multiculturalism
- Anarchism
- Ecologis

Skills:

Studying A-level Government and Politics will provide insight into political beliefs central to an understanding of the modern world. It also develops analytical and evaluative skills in relation to interesting topics prevalent in the turbulent political climate of today.

Amongst many others skills, in studying politics, you will gain:

- *Strong Analytical Skills*: through interrogating sources, interpretations and scholarship.
- *Enhanced Verbal and Written Communication*: through debate, structured argument and essay writing.
- *Critical thinking*: through weighing the merit of historical evidence to ascertain its reliability, purpose and thus overall value.

The course also provides a foundation of political knowledge on which to develop skills for citizenship and university study. Example degree courses which generally require or accept Politics A-level include Politics, Economics, Journalism, Law, International Relations, History and Social Policy.

Assessments:

Paper 1: written exam, 2 hours, 33% of A Level

Paper 2: written exam, 2 hours, 33% of A Level

Paper 3: written exam, 2 hours, 33% of A Level

This course is suitable for students who...

Hard working pupils who are organised; and take independent learning and reading seriously. You need to have a genuine interest in History and a passion for argument, debate and interpretation.

You also need to be a competent writer.

Future careers:

Law / Criminology / Psychology, Accounting and Finance, Armed Forces, Teaching / Educational Studies, Journalism, Politics / Classics / Philosophy, Range of business areas, Law
