A Level Politics

Exam board and specification: Pearson Edexcel (9PL0)

What you need to study this course: Grade 6 in either History, Geography or Religious Studies

Why you should consider this course

This course develops knowledge and understanding of Politics. Through an analysis of Britain, the United States and Political Theory, students of interrogate every part of Political landscape. Universities and employers value Politics as an A level for the keen analytical and critical thinking skills needed to be successful.

What you will study

Year 12: UK Politics, Core Political Theory (Socialism, Liberalism, Conservatism), UK Government and Non-Core Theory (Feminism)

Year 13: US Democracy and Participation, US Government, Comparative Theory

How you will be assessed:

Paper 1 – UK Politics and Core Theory, Written Exam – 2 hours (33 ½ %)

Paper 2 – UK Government and Non-Core Theory, Written exam, 2 hours (33 ½ %)

Paper 3 –US and Comparative Theory, Written exam, 2 hours (33 ½ %)

Exams will assess you on:

Analysis of opposing arguments

Essay based questions

Source Questions

Comparative Theories

Clarity of Writing

Precision of Evidence

Political Knowledge

Where can it take you?

The top 5 degree courses taken by students who have an A level in Politics are: Politics, International Relations, Law, History, and Sociology. There are also a wide range of degree apprenticeships linked to public service, management, and policy roles, where Politics is a highly valued subject.

Studying A-level Politics gives you all sorts of exciting career options, including:

- Civil Servant
- Journalist
- Diplomat
- Lawyer
- Public Affairs Consultant
- Political Researcher
- Policy Adviser