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Welcome to The Politics Department

Our Key Stage 5 Curriculum

AQA

"Studying Politics A Level has fully prepared me for the demands of University"
Year 13 Student

At A Level students have the opportunity to study towards qualifications with AQA. Students will study the following units.

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Politics

- Government & Politics of the UK
- Government & Politics of the USA
- Political Ideologies

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Paper 1
Government and politics of the UK

- Democracy and participation
- Elections and referenda
- Constitution
- Judiciary
- Devolution

- Pressure groups
- European Union
- Parliament
- Prime minister and cabinet

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Government and politics of the USA and comparative politics

- Political parties
- Pressure groups
- President
- Judiciary

- US Constitution
- Electoral process
- Congress
- Civil rights

• Socialism • Feminism	• Liberalism • Conservatism

Why Choose Politics?

Improve your understanding of how our system of government works in Britain

Understand the mechanics of one of the most powerful nations in the world: USA

Develop important essay writing skills including supporting your opinion with evidence

If you want a career in Politics, Law, Media or Journalism this A-Level would be very helpful in both the improved understanding you'd gain of how democracy works and the developed skills of oracy and literacy you'd gain in an 100% exam and essay based subject.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. *What do we study in Politics ?*

Politics is a fantastic A Level to learn more about the way countries are run. It connects you with current events and helps you to understand the reasons behind political decisions.

2. *How diverse is the Politics Curriculum?*

We study the Politics of the UK and the USA. Within that we cover everything about the demographic makeup of those countries. We have also chosen Feminism as our optional module for Political Ideas.

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3. What Home learning is required?

Home learning is essential for success in Politics. You will be expected to stay informed on the current events in politics so that you can use the information in your own essays.

4.. What is History useful for?

The study of Politics fosters critical thinking, evaluation and argument. They are vital skills for an emerging economy where the ability to interpret evidence and present it to others is highly desirable. Alongside Politics, Students go on to study History, Law, Medicine & PPE at university.

We look forward to meeting you in September!