

Why study Politics at A Level?

Lively, relevant, controversial... there are many ways to describe A Level politics. There's no denying that it's one of the most interesting and engaging qualifications you can choose. Covering news and current affairs from the UK and USA, it helps you understand how the UK is run and develops research, written communication and debate skills. It also helps grow your confidence!

It's ideal if you're considering studying politics, sociology, ethics, advertising or journalism at university and is highly regarded by employers in industries including politics, international organisations, the media, government and the civil service.

What will I study?

You will study 3 major topics:

1. Government and politics of the UK
2. Government and politics of the USA and comparative politics (UK and USA)
3. Political ideas

Assessment

100% examined.

Paper 1: written 2 hour exam on the government and politics of the UK and political ideas.

Paper 2: written 2 hour exam on the government and politics of the UK and political ideas (anarchism)

Paper 3: written 2 hour exam on the government and politics of the USA and comparative politics.

Student Perspective

I love debates in Politics and the different issues we discuss. One of the best things for me is understanding the different approaches and the reason our political parties have such conflicting views on how to improve people's lives. I would like to go into politics myself, and perhaps even become an MP!

Year 13 Politics student

Study trips, visits and events

There is a trip to the Houses of Parliament in London.

Subject entry requirements

5 in English Literature **or** Language.

