

POLITICS

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT

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TYPE OF QUALIFICATION

A-level

EXAM BOARD

AQA

SPECIFICATION

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Preferred: GCSE in History, Geography or R.S. Grade 6 and GCSE English Grade 6
Essential: GCSE in History, Geography or R.S. Grade 5 and GCSE English Grade 5



AIMS OF THE COURSE

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 US, it helps you understand how the UK country 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.

COURSE OUTLINE & ASSESSMENT

Students will study three broad areas:

- the government and politics of the UK
- the government and politics of the USA, and comparative politics
- political ideas.

Politics, as a subject, is inherently synoptic. The political knowledge, concepts, behaviours and institutions studied in any particular module can often be used and applied to new contexts in other parts of the course.

Students will sit 3 exam papers at the end of Year 13 covering the three areas of study.

CAREER PROSPECTS

An A-level in Government and Politics provides an excellent background for careers in law, journalism, the caring professions, teaching, and a range of management and business areas. Example degree courses, which generally require or accept politics A Level include: Politics, Economics, Journalism, Law, International Relations, History, and Social Policy.

SUBJECT ENRICHMENT



Something to think about...

Are elections free and fair? What is the best way to run a country? What does equality really mean? How does social media influence the way people vote?



Something to listen to...

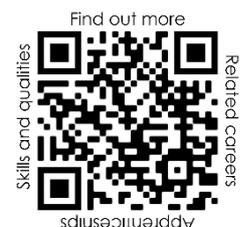
[Political Thinking with Nick Robinson](#)
[The A Level Politics Show](#)
[Crash Course: US Government & Politics](#)



Something to read...

Politics is ever changing, but also far easier to understand the more you know about it. Thus, as a minimum you should be reading a good broadsheet newspaper at least once a week.

Ideology: A very short introduction by Michael Freeden
British Politics: A very short introduction by Tony Wright



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