

## Politics

### What will I learn?

Lively, relevant, controversial... there are many ways to describe AS / 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. The specification requires in depth study of UK for the AS qualification. For the A Level, political ideas, government and politics of the USA are also covered.

Students will be required to identify parallels, connections, similarities and differences between aspects of politics. This will ensure that students develop a critical awareness of the changing nature of politics and the relationships between political ideas, political institutions and political processes.

The political ideas to be studied have relevance to both of the systems of government and politics. The study of the four ideologies will enhance the students' knowledge and understanding of politics, political debate and political issues in both the UK and the USA.

### What can I do next?

This course is 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.

### Skills

In all components of this subject students must demonstrate the following skills:

- to comprehend and interpret political information
- to critically analyse and evaluate the areas of politics studied
- to construct arguments and explanations leading to reasoned judgements
- to identify parallels, connections, similarities and differences between aspects of the areas of politics studied
- to construct and communicate arguments and explanations with relevance, clarity and coherence
- to use appropriate political vocabulary
- to make connections between the different areas of politics studied
- to make comparisons across two political systems.

### Summary

**Level:** AS / A Level

**Duration:** 1 - 2 years

**Qualification:**  
Advanced Subsidiary GCE  
in Politics

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Politics

**Entry Requirements:**  
6 GCSEs graded 5 and  
above including both  
English and either History  
or Geography at grade 6 or  
above



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