

Students will build upon the skills gained at GCSE and apply them to new areas of study. Students will gain an in-depth knowledge of the workings of the UK Government and understand complex political concepts such as liberalism, socialism and conservatism.

The assessments consist of three externally examined papers which include longer style essays and shorter responses to a stimulus.

Subject specific criteria:

- Grade 5 in a GCSE Humanities subject
- Grade 5 in GCSE English Literature or English Language
- Grade 4 in GCSE Maths

Skills required:

- Analytical and critical thinking skills
- Independent learning
- Ability to evaluate differing arguments and reach your own conclusions
- Communication skills
- A fascination of politics today and a wider knowledge of current political affairs

Units studied:

- UK Politics and Core Political Ideas
- UK Government and non-core Political Ideas
- USA Comparative Studies

Futures:

Politics A Level is well regarded as an A Level by universities. Most universities offer degree programs in politics, international relations and similar fields showing that the A Level course creates a pathway to higher education. It also provides a solid foundation for those interested in pursuing a career in politics, civil service, journalism and teaching.

Subject enrichment:

We are hoping to organise some visits to political institutions and invite speakers into school who can explain their role in governing the country.