



Government and Politics



What our students say:

“Government and Politics has allowed me to gain a clearer understanding of not only how our political system works in the UK, but also how other political ideologies and systems from around the world work. The opportunities for discussion and debate are lively and engaging, and the wider opportunities such as educational visits to the Houses of Parliament help to bring the learning in the classroom to life.”

Entry Requirements:

5 GCSEs graded 9 – 4, including English and Mathematics

Exam Board and Specification Link:

AQA A Level Government and Politics, 7152: [AQA Government and politics specification](#)

What skills will you develop?

A Level Government and Politics enables students to develop their critical thinking skills and enhance their ability to interpret, evaluate and comment on the nature of politics. A key skill central to the course is comparative analysis which encourages a deep level of analytical thinking.

What will you study?

Over the two year course students will develop a detailed understanding of the government and politics of the UK and the USA. They will also study a course on political ideas.

Why study this subject?

This course allows you to study contemporary politics and develop a strong understanding of the factors shaping both the British and American systems. This subject also helps in the development of discussion and debating skills and encourages students to think beyond the constraints of a textbook.

How will you be assessed?

- Unit 1 – The government and politics of the UK - Written exam: 2 hours, 77 marks – 33% of the A-level. A mixture of medium length ‘explain’ and essay style questions.
- Unit 2 – The government and politics of the USA & comparative politics - Written exam: 2 hours, 77 marks - 33% of the A-level. A mixture of medium length ‘explain’ and essay style questions.
- Unit 3 – Political ideas - Written exam: 2 hours, 77 marks - 33% of the A-level. A mixture of medium length ‘explain’ and essay style questions.



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Where can the subject lead?

Well-regarded by all universities, Government and Politics A-level can lead directly to single subject degrees in politics or international relations, and to a wide variety of combined courses. There is a considerable range of options open to graduates, including TV and newspaper journalism, the law, the home and diplomatic civil service, local government, business management and political research.

One main strength though, is that it will give you the knowledge and transferable skills to evaluate and understand some of the most important forces shaping the future of us.

Contact Information

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