

Course Overview:

“Man is by nature a political animal.” Aristotle

An understanding of the nature and culture of our politics is vital to our effective engagement with the world around us. An A Level in Government & Politics will equip you with skills and understanding that will make you both more employable and a more rounded individual. The first year of the course focuses on the government and politics of the UK, whilst the second year focuses on the USA, as well as the ideologies that underlie political behaviour. If you want to understand the background to Brexit or why people voted for Donald Trump, then this is the course for you.

Paper 1 – Government and politics of the UK (2 hour written examination – 33.33% of qualification)

A mixture of medium length ‘explain’ and essay style questions.

Paper 2

The government and politics of the USA (33.33% of qualification)

Comparative politics.

A mixture of medium length ‘explain’ and essay style questions.

Paper 3 – Political ideas (33.33% of qualification)

A mixture of medium length ‘explain’ and essay style questions.

Works well with:

- History
- Sociology
- English
- Business
- Accountancy

Progression Opportunities:

Having A-level politics can lead you to university degree courses in politics, sociology, ethics, philosophy, advertising, media studies, cinema studies and journalism amongst others, but you will need other complimentary A-levels for your chosen education and career path.