



Government and Politics

One year AS/Two year A level.

Studying Government and Politics at A Level will give you a real insight into how the political system works in the UK. You will acquire an understanding of how political decisions are made and who has the power and authority to make those decisions. You will have the opportunity to debate current affairs, form your own opinions about many controversial issues and study ideas put forward by anarchists, socialists, conservatives and many other ideological viewpoints.

Requirements:

The College minimum to start an advanced level course is one grade B and four grade Cs at GCSE. Students wishing to undertake this course require grade C or above in GCSE English Language. The student will also be expected to meet the Average Points Score for this subject. An interest in current affairs is advisable.

This subject will focus on:

- the workings and structure of the British political system;
- the ongoing changes in UK politics (constitutional reform/electoral reform); and
- political ideology including ecology, multi-culturalism and liberalism.

You can expect to:

- develop and understand political concepts and current affairs;
- explore political issues and changes in today's society; and
- keep up to date with the news.

Method of assessment:

Assessment is by examination.

Progression:

A variety of options will be open to you after completing this subject. You can apply for degree courses in Humanities, Arts or Social Sciences and in particular study of Politics, History and Law. Politics can lead to a number of career choices including journalism, civil service, local government, personnel, law and teaching.

Other information:

A student said "Politics has given me great insight into the world of current affairs. I have found the course both stimulating and challenging."

Government and Politics students enjoy a number of trips each year including a visit to Parliament and a two day residential trip to the Eden Project in Cornwall where they study the ideology of ecology in practice.

In 2009, 58% of students achieved grades A or B at A Level.