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Why Politics?

Politics is a lively, popular subject; the perfect choice for those who keep their finger on the pulse of news and current affairs. We will discuss: How are governments elected? How are countries run? How can we as individuals become more engaged with the political process? What are the needs of the UK?

Year 1 covers how the UK political system works and Year 2 focusses on US politics plus political theories such as Liberalism and Nationalism.

With enthusiasm and an open mind, you will develop your critical thinking and debating skills and learn to look at arguments with an empathetic but level-headed view. You will gain great social knowledge as well as an informed understanding of contemporary political structures and issues in their historical context in the UK and globally.

Assessment

- 33.3% - Paper 1 - UK Politics
- 33.3% - Paper 2 - UK Government
- 33.3% - Paper 3 - Comparative Politics - US

Recommended Reading

Edexcel Politics AS and A level Student Book by Goodlad and Mitchell (2017)

Edexcel Politics A level Student Guides 1 to 3

<http://alevelpolitics.com>

<https://www.tutor2u.net/politics>

Recommended Entry Requirements

Grade 5 GCSE English

Grade 5 GCSE History and/or Geography desirable.

Future Pathways

Apprenticeships and Careers in Politics, Business, International Organisations, The Media, Government and Political Parties and the Civil Service, Journalism, Advertising and more.

University degrees in Politics, Philosophy and Ethics, Economics, PPE, History, Sociology, Geography, Business Studies, Media or Cinema Studies, English and Languages.

Complementary A Levels

Business Studies, English, Geography, History, Philosophy, Ethics and Religion, Sociology, Languages.

Extra & Super Curricular

- Trips to Bath Magistrate or Bristol Crown Courts
- Y12 Optional Humanities Trip to Europe in January
- Opportunities with BANES Youth Parliament
- School visit by a Member of Parliament & House of Lords
- School Subscription to "Politics Review"

"I love studying this subject, especially as it has helped me to understand the current political situation our country is in. It has helped me to have a reasoned opinion of my own."