

AS/A Level Politics



Entry Criteria:

- You will need to achieve a Grade 4 or above in GCSE History or English Language
- You will need to achieve the pathway criteria, please see the prospectus for further information

Coursework/Examination Requirements:

AS Assessment	Two examinations worth 50% each
A Level Assessment	Three examinations worth 33.3% each

Awarding Body/Specifications: Edexcel

Advanced Level (A Level): The final decades of the twentieth century saw the collapse of Communism, the end of the Cold War, the emergence of a 'global economy', a technological revolution in production and communications and the rise of political Islam, all of which have impacted the global political environment. These, along with events during early twenty-first century such as the war in Iraq, the Arab Spring and Brexit, as well as topical social movements such as #metoo and climate campaigning are also covered in the A Level course. **The following units will be followed on this course:**

AS/Lower Sixth Units

UK Politics

You will cover democracy and political participation, political parties, electoral systems, voting behaviour and the media.

UK Government

You will cover the UK constitution, parliament, the Prime Minister and Government and relations between the branches.

A Level/Upper Sixth Units

UK Politics

In addition to the AS content you also look at the core political ideas of Liberalism, Conservatism and Socialism.

UK Government

In addition to the AS content you will also look at political ideologies such as socialism (including communism), Conservatism, Liberalism and Anarchism, Ecologism, Feminism, Multiculturalism and Nationalism.

Comparative Politics

A look at global politics that includes international relations, ecology and the EU.

Progression: The study of Politics develops problem solving and research skills. It informs you of the events which have a real impact on people's lives. An A Level in Politics can lead to Higher Education courses in Politics, International Relations, PPE and Development studies. A Level Politics also develops skills of communication, attention to detail and debate, leading to careers across the public and private sectors.

Opportunities: We encourage all our A Level politics students to engage with politics may it be with social media, podcasts, blogs or print media. We currently run a bi-annual trip to UK Parliament, welcome local MPs in for student questioning and we are exploring an overseas trip to the Model United Nations in The Hague.