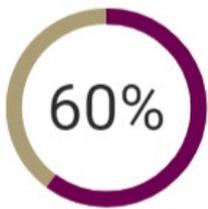


POLITICS

WHY STUDY POLITICS AT STONYHURST?

2017/18 Results



60% of A Level Politics students achieved grades A* - A

STONYHURST IS KNOWN FOR ITS RICH POLITICAL HISTORY

Former students who have made an impact on the political scene include Bill Cash MP OS, Bruce Kent OS (former Chair of CND), Lord Chitnis of Rydale OS (negotiator between IRA and Government), and General Vernon Walters (Deputy Director of the CIA and Confidante to five US presidents).

Stonyhurst has extensive contacts with the political world.

MORE THAN EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

We will help you to develop and share your individual gifts and talents, learn from others and reach your full potential, preparing you for a successful future, wherever it may take you.

COURSE ENRICHMENT

The Politics department is proud of its enrichment provision. We offer a number of enrichment activities:

- ✓ **Visiting Speaker Programme** – offers students the opportunity to meet politicians, academics and political commentators. Academics such as Dr. Rob Ford of the University of Manchester and Lord Norton, Professor of Politics at the University of Hull, have given recent lectures to the our students.
- ✓ **Annual visit to the Palace of Westminster** – Students are able to attend Prime Minister's Question Time and also meet a number of MPs and members of the House of Lords. In June 2016 Politics students had the opportunity to meet Sir Bill Cash OS MP and the Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons Lindsay Hoyle MP.
- ✓ **Work placements** – Students are encouraged to take part in subject related work placements. The department has excellent links with a significant number of politicians and is therefore able to facilitate a good number of Parliamentary placements each year. Three of last year's Rhetoric students gained work experience in Westminster with Sir Edward Leigh MP, John Pugh MP and Graham Jones MP.

WHAT CAREER COULD I GO INTO?

Politics students enjoy careers such as:

- ✓ Member of Parliament (MP)
- ✓ Political assistant
- ✓ Civil servant
- ✓ Government research officer
- ✓ Diplomatic service officer
- ✓ Public affairs consultant
- ✓ Political journalist.

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Politics is a vibrant and lively subject that allows you to develop a better awareness of current affairs. Government and Politics A Level is the study of how the UK and the US is governed. It involves in-depth analysis and evaluation of the UK and US political systems.



Politics is a subject that goes well with a number of other disciplines and subject areas. It is widely recognised for its academic rigour by leading universities and is good preparation for students interested in a wide range of careers such as law, journalism or the civil service.

Whilst studying Politics at Stonyhurst, you will have many opportunities to develop a wide range of skills including:

- ✓ The ability to comprehend, synthesize and interpret political information
- ✓ Analyse and evaluate political knowledge
- ✓ Identify connections, assess similarities and differences between areas studied
- ✓ Select relevant material, construct and communicate arguments coherently using appropriate political vocabulary.

WHAT DO I NEED?

- ✓ Ideally the written ability that will come from achieving grades B or above in GCSE and English
- ✓ A willingness to learn
- ✓ An interest in current affairs.



WHAT COURSES ARE ON OFFER?

A LEVEL GOVERNMENT & POLITICS AQA

A Level Government & Politics involves in-depth study of political systems in the United Kingdom and the USA.

Topics covered include:

- ✓ Political participation and voting behaviour
- ✓ Political parties
- ✓ The role of pressure groups
- ✓ Political ideologies – socialism, communism, liberalism and conservatism.

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