

# POLITICS



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# POLITICS IN THE SIXTH FORM

Politics is a popular, academically rigorous and interesting subject, which combines well with the study of a wide variety of other A Level subjects.

It presents an opportunity to launch out into an entirely new discipline as part of your A Level studies.

It provides us with constantly changing examples to illustrate relationships between

- People
- Governments
- Institutions and processes

The subject is all around us - on television, radio, in newspapers, the internet, and quite often in our conversations.

## WHAT WILL YOU STUDY?

The new politics course was launched in 2017. All exams will be at the end of Year 13. The course followed is the Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Advanced GCE in Politics (9PLO)

The Year 12 politics course consists primarily of British government and politics, with Year 13 focusing on the American system of government and politics. There is also an opportunity to study political ideas.

The aim of the syllabus is to develop a critical, rigorous and analytical approach to the study of politics, and to help pupils to develop interpretative and evaluative skills to distinguish between evidence and opinion. The course will go a long way towards making television news watching a more intelligible and interesting experience.



The course is very much involved with up-to-date politics, with what is happening today in Westminster, Washington and Brussels. Pupils are encouraged to visit Parliament and to view proceedings in the chambers of the Commons and the Lords. The subject is intellectually demanding, but also requires considerable background reading of the quality press and the viewing of quality current affairs programmes on television.

The course encourages candidates to develop their capacity for critical thinking, and to perceive politics in a broader perspective. Politics is a subject about which all people should have a sound understanding.

### YEAR 12

#### Unit 1 UK Politics.

- Written examination: 2 hours
- 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % of the qualification

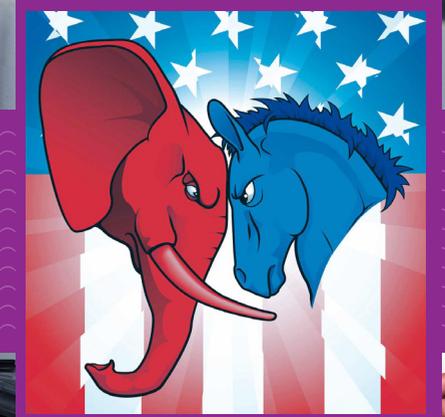
#### Unit 2 UK Government

- Written examination: 2 hours
- 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % of the qualification

### YEAR 13

#### Unit 3 Comparative Politics - the USA

- Written examination: 2 hours
- 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % of the qualification



**POLITICS IS TOO SERIOUS  
A MATTER TO BE LEFT TO  
POLITICIANS**

– General de Gaulle

# PUPIL STATEMENTS

POLITICS, ALTHOUGH CHALLENGING, PROVES BOTH INTELLECTUALLY STIMULATING, AND ALLOWS ONE TO DEVELOP A GREATER KNOWLEDGE OF THE SURROUNDING SOCIETY. IT ALSO ALLOWS FOR DEBATE, WHICH PROVES TO BE BOTH INTERESTING AND ENJOYABLE.

ALTHOUGH POLITICS IS A SUBJECT THAT REQUIRES A HIGH LEVEL OF COMMITMENT, IT IS **EXTREMELY INTERESTING. IT PUTS INTO FOCUS THE DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN BOTH PARLIAMENT AND SOCIETY.** THIS IS A SUBJECT THAT SUITS PEOPLE WHO ENJOY DISCUSSION AND WHO ARE **INTERESTED IN CURRENT AFFAIRS.**



If you would like to discuss the A Level specification and the options that the History Department offer, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Oliver Roe, Head of History & Politics.

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