

# Politics

## What will I need before taking this course?

A Grade 6 or above in either a GCSE Humanities subject or GCSE English. You do not need to have studied Politics previously but must show a passion for the subject.

## Assessment and Grading

Students will sit three exam papers at the end of the two year course. This will be 100% of their overall grade.

Component 1:  
UK Politics  
Written exam, 2 hours—84 marks

Component 2:  
UK Government  
Written exam, 2 hours—84 marks

Component 3:  
Comparative Politics  
Written exam, 2 hours—84 marks

## How will I learn?

Class based discussion, debate and developing writing and exam skills.

Support available to students both in and out of lessons.

One-on-one tutorials.

Out of school learning will include trips to Parliament and conferences.

## What will I learn?

Component 1:

1. **UK Politics**, students will study:
  - Democracy and participation, political parties, electoral systems, voting behaviour and the media.
2. Core Political Ideas, students will study:
  - Conservatism, Liberalism, Socialism.

Component 2:

1. **UK Government**, students will study:
  - The Constitution, Parliament, Prime Minister and executive, relationships between the branches.
2. Non-core political ideas, students will study feminism.

Component 3:

1. **Comparative Politics**, students will study:
  - Sovereignty and globalisation, global governance: political and economic, global governance: human rights and environmental, power and developments, regionalism and the European Union, comparative theories.

## What can I do at the end of the course?

Related degree subjects include Politics, Philosophy, Social Policy, Economics and Law. Relevant future careers include Public Affairs, The Civil Service, Parliament and The Law.

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