

A-LEVEL GOVERNMENT & POLITICS

Why study A-level Government and Politics?

Politics has been unpredictable and equally remarkable since the EU referendum 2016. Since then we have seen; three different Prime Ministers, two General Elections, a Hung Parliament, an ongoing Constitutional crisis, UK Government defeated twice in the Supreme Court and all this was before the global pandemic of Coronavirus! We have also seen groups, from Extinction Rebellion, to individuals like Marcus Rashford campaign to seek change. A footballer, Marcus Rashford, managed to convince the government to do a U-turn on free school meals. One person, largely down to his fame and following, has managed to make a significant impact.

Politics is, without a doubt, a living and breathing subject! A-Level Politics will allow you to unravel all of this and understand the context behind it. We will explore democracy and assess the merits, understand our rights as well evaluate the UK political system and government. In Year 13, we explore the political landscape in the international arena and how a lack of world government can indeed lead to self-interested states and potentially war.

Exam Board: Edexcel

Course overview...

Year 12:

Paper 1:

UK Political Participation and Core Ideas

- Democracy and Participation
- Political Parties
- Electoral Systems
- Voting Behaviour and the media
- Core Political Ideas - Liberalism, Conservatism and Socialism

Paper 2:

UK Government and Non-Core Ideas

- Constitution
- Parliament
- Prime Minister and the Executive
- Relations between the branches
- Non-Core Political Ideas – Nationalism

Y13:

Paper 3:

Global Politics

- Comparative Theories
- State Sovereignty and Globalisation
- Political Governance
- Economic Governance
- Environmental Governance
- Power and Developments

Possible careers linked to this qualification...

- Work for the government - civil service, political/policy advisors, researchers etc.
- Public relations
- Diplomacy
- Media and Journalism
- Non-governmental organisations
- Cooperations, think tanks and lobbyists in a range of sectors
- Elected Member of Parliament

Some of our students have gone on to study...further after completing...

- Politics - Queen Mary, SOAS
- International Relations - Queen Mary
- Some students study Politics with another subject, typically Sociology.