



## POLITICS

Politics is a popular subject at A level. A working knowledge of UK politics and wider political ideologies help students to understand the modern world. Studying Politics helps students to hone their skills of debate, argument and persuasion.

Politics is a qualification that can set students up for a range of career paths including law and business. This is because the study of Politics provides young people with key skills that industry desire, along with a better grasp on how to manage and organize groups of people.

### KEY STAGE 5

We presently study the Edexcel Government & Politics course.

The A Level Government and Politics course consists of three components. Each component is worth 33.3% of the full qualification and is examined in a written paper.

#### **Component 1: UK Politics**

- Part A - The first part of the course looks at the nature of politics and how people engage across the political process in the UK. It covers Democracy and Participation, Political Parties, Electoral systems and Voting Behaviour & the Media.
- Part B - This allows students to explore the three traditional political ideas of Conservatism, Liberalism and Socialism. Students will learn about the core ideas and principles, the divisions within each idea and their key thinkers.

#### **Component 2: UK Government**

- Part A - Students will explore the key aspects of the UK political system, including: the Constitution, Parliament, Executive and the judiciary
- Part B - Students will explore ONE of the following political ideologies: Anarchism, Ecologism, Feminism, Multiculturalism or Nationalism

#### **Component 3: Comparative Politics**

- Government and Politics of the USA. Key areas of study include the US Constitution and federalism, US Congress, the Presidency, Civil Rights and participation.