



Awarding Body

EDEXCEL

Who is the course for?

Students who

- Are interested in the news, current affairs, politics, debating and issues about the world around them.
- Students who have good essay writing skills and enjoy discussion.

What can it lead to?

Politics is a brilliant subject as it provides you with so many transposable skills which apply across many different degree courses and jobs. It gives you the skills of articulating ideas, evaluating theories and concepts as well as staying up to date with the world around you. In particular it is good as a stepping stone to a career or degree in Politics, Journalism or Law.

What are the entry requirements?

At least 6 grade 5-9 GCSEs including English Language and Mathematics.

What will I Study?

For Year One (or AS) – Politics in the UK

Democracy

Political Parties

Pressure Groups

Parliament (and how it is shaped)

For Year Two (A Level) – American Politics and Ideologies which shape Politics

American Politics: Study of the same issues related to the UK (above), and then comparing the two countries.

Political Ideologies:

The theories which have influenced everyone from Hitler to Obama

How will I be taught?

In the classroom with the possibility of a trip to Parliament

How will I be assessed?

100% Exam

AS (Year One) – Two Exams (only to be sat if you are dropping the subject after the 1st year)

A Level (Year Two) – 3 Exam Papers

This will be sat by the majority of students who take the course.

What equipment or materials will I need?

Textbook, Folder and basic stationery. As well as a big and inquisitive brain!

Course Offer Conditions

Successful students have good grades from their GCSEs and at least a 5 in English.

