

GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS – A Level



“Be the change that you wish to see in the world.” *Mahatma Gandhi*

Overview

The exciting new Government and Politics A level introduced from September 2017 covers three core areas; government and politics of the UK, government and politics of the USA and political ideas and ideologies. There is an emphasis on comparative politics where students are required to demonstrate awareness of the similarities and differences between UK and US political systems and processes.

Year 12

Government and politics of the UK.
Political ideas.

Year 13

Government and politics of the USA.

Assessment method

At the end of Year 12 you will sit end of year exams, these will not count towards your final results.

There are three final written examinations at A level each of which are 2 hours long.

Additional information

Homework is set weekly per teacher. In addition to homework you will be expected to carry out a minimum of 5 hours independent study per fortnight in each subject studied during which time you are expected to carry out wider reading, practice questions, group work, flipped learning using online resources, research, analyse media coverage via twitter, television, radio and papers/journals.

We recommend the following texts:

- Hodder Education's 'UK Government and Politics 5th Edition' by Lynch and Fairclough (ISBN: 9781471889233)
- 'Political ideas for A Level: Liberalism, Conservatism, Socialism, Feminism, Anarchism' by McNaughton and Kelly (ISBN: 9781471889462)
- 'US Government and Politics for A Level 5th Edition' by A Bennett (ISBN: 9781471889363).

There will be a trip to the UN Association Conference in Bath. We hope arrange a trip to the Houses of Parliament, London as well as an exam board revision workshop.

As an extracurricular activity you are encouraged to participate in Model United Nations and attend a weekend conference.

Entry requirements

Five GCSE Grade 5 to 9 including English and Maths.

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Futures

Politics, local and national government, business, teaching, charities sector, NGOs, civil service, campaigning, marketing, journalism, public relations, diplomatic services and the foreign office.

Exam board

