

Politics - A Level

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Course Outline:

The A Level Politics encourages you to:

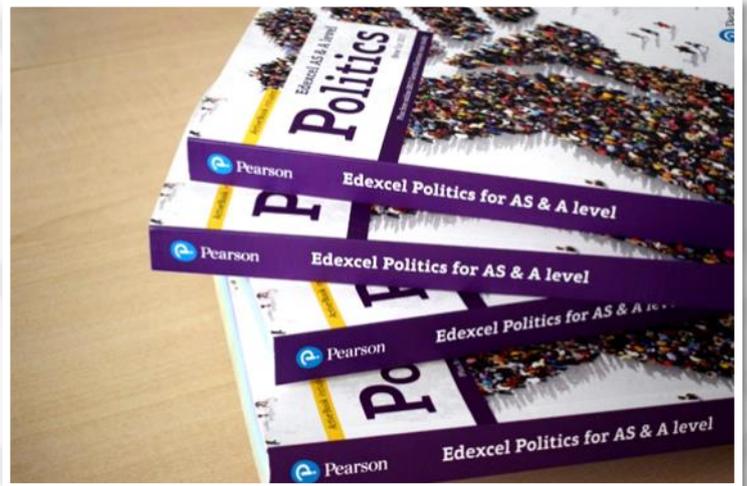
- Examine the structures of power and authority in the UK and in global politics
- Enjoy researching and discussing current affairs
- Develop a broad knowledge and understanding of the political system of the UK, including local government and the UK's relationship to the European Union

Year 12 (50% A Level) Mock Exam paper of 2 hours

1. Political Parties
2. Pressure Groups
3. Elections
4. Voting Behaviour
5. Constitution
6. Parliament
7. Prime Minister
8. European Union

Year 13 (50% of A Level) 3 Exam Papers at 2 hours each

1. Theory of power and human nature
2. Globalisation and nations
3. Human rights
4. The environment
5. The European Union



Skills/Aptitudes Developed/Required:

The course encourages you to develop your capacity for critical thinking, to see relationships between different aspects of government and politics and to perceive your field of study in a broader perspective (including some comparisons with other political systems). Finally you will develop your knowledge and understanding of relevant political concepts and processes.

Additional Considerations:

You will be given the opportunity to visit important political institutions like the Houses of Parliament, Whitehall and the Supreme Court in London in order to gain a thorough understanding and first-hand experience about how power is exercised in the United Kingdom.

Entry Requirements:

Ideally students will have achieved a broad range of GCSE at grade 5 and above. For students who do not meet these requirements decisions will be made on the basis of the individuals potential by the curriculum leader.

Progression Post-18

A Level Politics provides an excellent academic and skill base for a wide range of university courses and careers. The various skills required by the specification provide opportunities for progression directly into employment but equally contribute to students' lifelong learning.

Government and Politics students have gone into a range of areas including law, journalism, the civil service and the police force.