



POLITICS



- *Can there be a “tyranny of the majority”?*
- *Can Brexit just mean Brexit?*
- *Can UK political parties be both democratic and effective?*
- *How united are the United States?*

Find these questions interesting? Then this might be the course for you!

ASSESSMENT

Level: Linear, reformed (new) A level **Specification:** Edexcel (www.edexcel.com/polalevel)

Assessment details: Three exam papers - 2 hours each, essay based (no coursework)

QUALITIES & QUALIFICATIONS

A genuine interest in current affairs and an interest in discussing ideas in a rational manner are vital. Strong literacy skills are required as you will be faced with some fairly complex texts and extended writing tasks.

OUTLINE OF SUBJECT

You will study three components (each separately examined):

- **UK Politics** - covering core ideas of Liberalism, Conservatism and Socialism as well as political parties, electoral systems, voting behaviour and the nature of democracy and political participation.
- **UK Government** - covering the Constitution, Parliament, the Prime Minister and Cabinet, along with their relations with the key branches of state such as the Civil Service, Judiciary and Parliament. You will also study the politics behind Feminism in this module.
- **Comparative Politics** - covering the politics of the USA and comparisons between this political system and the UK.

COMPLEMENTARY SUBJECTS & FUTURE PATHWAYS

This subject develops important, transferable skills as well as political knowledge and understanding. It is, therefore, highly regarded by universities. History, Geography, Economics, Business, Philosophy & Ethics Sociology and Psychology all require similar skills and feature overlapping issues. Students who might wish to study Law or International Relations as well as any Social Science at university will find this subject valuable as well as interesting.

TRIPS AND VISITS

We organise an annual visit to the Houses of Parliament and the Supreme Court in Y12 and in Yr13, we attend a US Politics conference organised by the British Library, where Congress people attend to share their views and experiences. Where visits and speakers are organised, costs are low. These might involve local travel and small entrance fees.