Subject: Politics (Edexcel)

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This course covers the following key topics:

- Democracy and participation
- Political parties
- Electoral systems
- Voting behaviour and the media
- The constitution
- Parliament
- The prime minister and executive
- Relations between institutions
- Political ideologies
- The US Political System

Recommended Textbooks:

Edexcel As/A-Level UK Government & Politics (5th Edition), Neil McNaughton, Hodder Education, 2017.

US Government & Politics (5th edition), Anthony Bennett, Hodder Education, 2017.

We love teaching this course because:

Studying politics raises awareness of who wields power and how it operates in the UK. Through debate and discussion, students develop their understanding of the influences which government has their lives. Building this awareness is an essential ingredient towards becoming an independent and critical thinker. Politics gives students the opportunity to refine and hone their points of view and to understand the power of logical, rational argument.

Our students say:

"I love doing Politics A-level because it is a stimulating subject which allows us to learn more about current events in more depth".

"It helps you to gain an understanding of the people and systems which affect our daily lives. It's a subject which has never been more relevant".

"It's genuinely fascinating to learn about how government works and the pros and cons of different systems. It really broadens your political awareness'

"It feels relevant to everyday – unlike many other subjects"

If you love Politics, we really recommend you read:

1) The Prince, By Nicollo Machiavelli

2) Politics, 5th Edition, Andrew Heywood, Macmillan Education.

3) Things Can Only Get Better, John O'Farrell, Penguin, 2017.

What future pathways are open to me if I study Politics?

A politics degree opens doors to a broad range of careers, including political work, social and political research, journalism, HR and marketing.