

# HUMANITIES

## A-Level Politics



**Examination Board:** Pearson Edexcel

**Subject Leader(s):** Mr E Fu



### Course Structure

Unit	Topics/Unit Title	Assessment	A Level(%)
1	<b>British Politics</b> Why do some age groups vote or not vote in the UK democracy? What are the main political ideas that drive our political parties?	Mixture of Essays- from classic politics essays to article/ source based answers.	35%
2	<b>British Government</b> Who runs the UK? How are laws in the UK made? What happens when the PM does something wrong?	Mixture of Essays- from classic politics essays to article/ source based answers	35%
3	<b>US Government &amp; Politics</b> How is US politics similar/ different to UK politics? Do you know your POTUS from your Congress?	Mixture of Short and Full Essays. Comparisons with the UK & US and US politics essays.	30%

### What does the course involve?

Brexit? Trump? Neo-fascism? Alt Right- Alt Left?

If these are terms or names that have made you curious to find out more, then A-level Politics could be the A-level for you.

Covering news and current affairs from the UK and US, A-level Politics helps you understand how countries are run and develops research, written communication and debate skills. It also helps grow your confidence, understand the world around you and how politics makes a difference in every aspect of your life.

In each of the units you will study the history and development of a range of political theories and how it impacts on the world today. You will also compare different political theories like liberalism, conservatism, socialism, nationalism and anarchism. From the historical to the current issues that dominate debates today, this A-level will give you a much better understanding of the World and how it has been formed by government and politics.

It's about what is happening now and what will happen in the future. This is an A-level which is constantly evolving.

### Further Study/Employment Prospects

It's ideal if you're considering studying politics, sociology, ethics, advertising or journalism at university and is highly regarded by employers in industries including politics, marketing, international organisations, the media, government and the civil service.

It's a subject that develops excellent transferable skills from debating to investigative research. It will also introduce you to a range of political ideas, beliefs and systems, making you a more rounded citizen of the world.

## Entry Requirements

To be a successful A-Level Politics student you need to be interested in the news today and the history of politics.

You will be required to challenge; your reading and literacy skills; research abilities; debating skills; analytical and evaluative thinking.

Assessment comes mainly in the form of short explanations and essay writing.

Literacy is as important as a keen interest in the news. This is why we require a Grade 5 or above in GCSE English and/or a GCSE humanities subject.