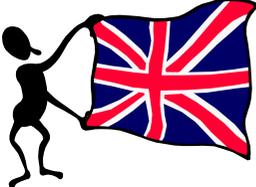


Syllabus Content:

<p>A Level:</p>	
<p>Paper one: Government and politics of the UK The Government of the UK:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The nature and sources of the British constitution• The structure and role of parliament• The Prime Minister and Cabinet• The Judiciary• Devolution <p>The Politics of the UK:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Democracy and participation• Elections and referendums• Political parties• Pressure groups• The European Union	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Written exam: 2 hours• 77 marks• 33⅓ % of A-level• A mixture of medium length 'explain' and essay style questions 
<p>Paper two: Government and politics of the USA and comparative Politics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Constitutional framework of the US government• The legislative branch of government: Congress• The executive branch of government: President• The Judicial branch of government• The electoral process and direct democracy• Political parties• Civil Rights• Comparative politics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Written exam: 2 hours• 77 marks• 33⅓ % of A-level• A mixture of medium length 'explain' and essay style questions 
<p>Paper three: Political ideas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Liberalism• Conservatism• Socialism• Feminism,• Anarchism.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Written exam: 2 hours• 77 marks• 33⅓ % of A-level• A mixture of medium length 'explain' and essay style questions

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Politics A Level

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Tackle MPs. Or maybe become one!

We do not always agree with politicians and what governments do, but the business of politics touches every aspect of our lives. Whilst we might criticise governments for some of their policies, it has to be better than having no government at all. Society just would not function without an elected body to decide, say what taxes will be levied, how those taxes will be spent on things like health and education or how the country will be defended. However, no matter whether government makes you feel angry or reassured, it is worth having a knowledge of how the whole process of an elected government works.

Why choose Politics?

Knowledge is power, and this popular A Level gives you the knowledge to understand how government works, particularly in the UK, but also in other countries. If you want to work in local or national government and make a difference to society, this course is a valuable first step. There are other career options as well.

Many students who have taken the A Level Politics go on to study Politics at university. From there you might become a researcher, join local or national government or even start on the path to become a future Prime Minister! But there are other job options, too. If you fancy a career in journalism or the media, this course is very useful. Students also go on to become teachers or work in the legal profession.

Students who take Politics find it goes well with subjects like History, Business & Economics and Sociology. As government touches on literally every aspect of society, this course has universal appeal.



Students will develop a wide range of skills including:-

- the ability to comprehend, synthesise and interpret political information;
- analyse and evaluate political knowledge;
- identify connections, similarities and differences between the areas studied; and
- select relevant material, and construct and communicate arguments clearly and coherently using appropriate political vocabulary.



Teaching includes exposition of theories, individual and group work, presentations, and case studies.

Resources

Students are expected to undertake additional further reading from a variety of sources. These include:

- News programmes
- Newspapers & Magazines
- Internet
- Textbooks



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