

Politics

Exam Board	Edexcel
Course Entry Criteria	6 in a GCSE Humanities subject.
Essential skills	The most important skills that you require are the ability to write well and structure your responses. You also need to be able to support your theoretical knowledge with practical examples. Analysis and evaluation are essential skills required by this course.
Year 12	<p>Content overview</p> <p>In year 12 the course will focus on Politics in the UK. Areas of study include democracy, participation, Parliament, the Prime Minister and Cabinet, elections and referendums, pressure groups and the constitution. There will also be an introduction to political theory including liberalism, conservatism and socialism.</p>
Year 13	<p>Content overview</p> <p>The year will begin with a conclusion to the study of political theory including a study of feminism and we will embark on a study related to American politics. The same themes will be considered in relation to America as in year 12 for the UK eg. Congress, the President, the constitution. There will be comparison between the 2 systems of government and their workings.</p>
University requirements	<p>If you choose to study politics to degree level you will find out about the theories and practices of power and governance, from local to international level. There are many politics and politics related courses to follow at university, e.g. PPE.</p> <p>Oxford and LSE (part of the Russell Group) will usually make offers which involve at least 1 A* and 2 A grades, although this can vary.</p>
Related courses and careers	Politics works very well with a wide variety of other subjects and teaches a range of disciplines. Students often study Politics along with Humanities subjects, Economics, English, Modern Languages and many others. Politics is a highly respected subject by all, including the top, universities. The transferable skills taught prepare students for a wide variety of careers including the civil service, public policy development, legal profession and journalism. It is ideal if you are considering studying humanities, social science or journalism at university and is highly regarded by employers in industries including public affairs, advocacy groups, the media, government and the civil service.
Other Details	The most important requirement is your interest in the subject, including contemporary political events in Britain and the USA, and being prepared to work hard. This is a new subject for most students in year 12 so we do not assume any real prior knowledge - but a desire to understand and engage with the topics and then to be able to address the tasks is essential. You will need to read a good quality newspaper and watch the news- if you already do this then this is the course for you!