A Level
Politics

Why study Politics?

Politics makes you think! It is concerned with political and social behaviour, and attempts to answer questions about how and why our political systems operate as they do. Lively, relevant, controversial… there are many ways to describe politics.

Exam Board:
AQA

Overview of course content

A Level (specification code: 7152)

Examination	% of A Level
Paper 1 (Assessed on government and politics of the UK) Exam duration: 2 hours (77 marks)	33.3%
Paper 2 (Assessed on the government and politics of the USA and comparative politics) Exam duration: 2 hours (77 marks)	33.3%
Paper 3 (Assessed on political ideas) Exam duration: 2 hours (77 marks)	33.3%

Year 12

The first year of this qualification will focus on two main topics:

The Government of the UK
• The Nature and Sources of the British Constitution
• The Structure and Role of Parliament
• The Prime Minister and Cabinet
• The Judiciary
• Devolution

The Politics of the UK
• Democracy and Participation
• Elections and Referendums
• Political Parties
• Pressure Groups
• The European Union

Political Ideas
• Conservatism
• Nationalism
• Liberalism
• Socialism

Year 13

In Year 13, you will recap the two topics studied in Year 12, but will also look at the following:

Government and Politics of the USA and Comparative Politics
• The Constitutional Framework of 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
• Pressure Groups
• Civil Rights

Careers/Future Opportunities

This qualification is highly regarded by employers in industries including politics, international organisations, charities, the media, police, army, government and the civil service. Many students go on to study Politics at university, either on its own or in combination with other subjects such as History, Philosophy and Economics.

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