

## GOVERNMENT & POLITICS

Qualification Level	A Level
Exam Board/ Specification	AQA
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### Why study this course?

Lively, relevant, controversial... there are many ways to describe A-level Politics. There's no denying that it's one of the most interesting and engaging qualifications you can choose. Covering news and current affairs from the UK and US, it helps you understand how the UK country is run and develops research, written communication and debate skills. It also helps grow your confidence.

### Course content

- **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.
- **Government and politics of the USA:**  
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.
- There is also a comparative element and the study of political ideologies.

### Exam/ Assessment structure

3 Exams at the end of Year 13 all of which are 2 hours long.

### Higher education/ career links

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, international organisations, the media, government and the civil service.

### Specific equipment or resources required

A copy of the text books is recommended.

### Entry requirements

Students are required to hold at least a Grade 5 at GCSE History. However students with a grade 5 in English will also be considered who did not study history at GCSE.