

AS/A Level Politics



Entry Criteria:

- You will need to achieve the pathway criteria, please see the prospectus for further information
- You will need to achieve a Grade 4 or above in GCSE History or English Language.

Coursework/Examination Requirements:

| | |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
| AS Assessment | Two examinations worth 50% each |
| A Level Assessment | Three examinations worth 33.3% each. |

Awarding Body/Specifications: Edexcel

Advanced Level (A Level): The final decades of the twentieth century saw the collapse of Communism, the end of the Cold War, the emergence of a 'global economy', a technological revolution in production and communications and the rise of political Islam, all of which have impacted the global political environment. These, along with events during early twenty-first century such as the war in Iraq, the Arab Spring and Brexit, as well as topical social movements such as #metoo and climate campaigning are also covered in the A Level course. **The following units will be followed on this course:**

AS - Year 12 Units

Unit 1 - UK Politics

You will cover democracy and political participation, political parties, electoral systems, voting behaviour and the media.

Unit 2 - UK Government

You will cover the UK constitution, parliament, the Prime Minister and Government and relations between the branches.

A Level - Year 13 Units

Unit 1 – UK Politics

In addition to the AS content you also look at the core political ideas of Liberalism, Conservatism and Socialism.

Unit 2 – UK Government

In addition to the AS content you will also look at political ideologies such as Anarchism, Ecologism, Feminism, Multiculturalism and Nationalism.

Unit 3 – Comparative Politics

A look at global politics that includes international relations, ecology and the EU.

Advanced Subsidiary (AS): If you choose to study this subject for one year only you will be awarded the AS Level. You will cover the AS unit content and sit public examinations in Year 12.

Progression: The study of Politics develops problem solving and research skills. It informs you of the events which have a real impact on people's lives. An A Level in Politics can lead to Higher Education courses in Politics, International Relations, PPE and Development studies. A Level Politics also develops skills of communication, attention to detail and debate, leading to careers across the public and private sectors.

Opportunities: It is impossible to avoid political commentary and events and we must stay involved. It is essential that we keep up to date with constant research and involvement. We are currently updating our lists of visits, conferences and speakers as well as developing further links with the University of East Anglia.