



## Government and Politics

### QUALIFICATION: A-LEVEL

**Awarding Body:**

Edexcel

**Length of Course:**

2 Years

For the AS and the A level Students will follow the Edexcel A-Level Politics course.

The **AS Level** at the end of Year 12 is two exams each of 1 hour and 45 minutes based on **UK Politics Section one** and **UK Government Section one**.

For the Advanced level Students there are three distinct units which all lead to three 2 hour exams at the end of the full A-Level course at the end of Year 13.

There is **no coursework** this is an exam only course for both AS and A level

### Year 12

#### AS Level

**Component 1: UK Politics**

**Component 2: UK Government**

**Section One Political Participation, students will study:**

1. Democracy and participation
2. Political parties
3. Electoral systems
4. Voting behaviour

**Assessment**

End of Year 12 AS Written Exam 1 ¾ hours

**Section one UK Government, students will study**

1. The constitution of the UK
2. Parliament
3. Prime Minister and executive
4. Relationships between the branches of Government

**Assessment**

End of Year 12 AS Written Exam 1 ¾ hours

**Year 13**

**A Level**

**Component 1: UK Politics**

From their studies in Year 12 Students will build upon their knowledge to include:

**Section One**

UK Political Participation.

**Section two**

Core Political Ideas, students will study the ideologies of:-

- Conservatism
- Liberalism,
- Socialism

1. Core ideas and principles

2. Differing views and tensions within conservatism, Liberalism, socialism

3. Conservative, Liberal, Socialist thinkers and their ideas.

**Assessment**

**Written Examination**

- 2 hours
- 33⅓ % of the qualification

**Component 2: UK Government**

From their studies in Year 12 Students will build upon their knowledge to include:

**Section one**

UK Government.

**Section two**

Political Ideas, students will study

- Feminism

1. Feminism: ideas and principles

2. Different types of feminism

3. Feminist thinkers and their ideas

**Assessment**

**Written Examination**

- 2 hours
- 33⅓ % of the qualification

**Component 3:**

**Comparative**

**Politics Government & Politics of the USA**

**Section one USA**

1. The US Constitution and federalism
2. US Congress
3. US presidency
4. US Supreme Court and US civil rights
5. US democracy/ participation

**Section two**

Comparative theories, students will study:

Key similarities and differences between the US and UK Political Systems.

**Assessment**

**Written Examination**

- 2 hours
- 33⅓ % of the qualification

**Comparison with GCSE**

Although this subject can be easily studied without previous qualifications, it is important that students have an interest in current affairs. Students should be willing to follow events by watching news and current events programmes on television, listening to relevant radio programmes and reading quality newspapers. Students have the opportunity to visit London and the Houses of Parliament during the course of their studies, as part of the visit there is also a Politics conference, where students have the

opportunity to question speakers such as John Bercow M.P., Alan Duncan M.P. and Nigel Farage. Students are also encouraged to join Sunderland Youth Parliament and during election years, the local candidates are invited to school to participate in debates and a mock election is held. Students have also taken part in debates with local schools including a debate on the BBC Look North for the general election 2017.

## RELEVANCE TO FURTHER STUDIES AND CAREERS

This subject is directly useful for students who wish to enter careers in the media, public service and politics. It can be easily combined with History, Law, English and similar subjects at prestigious Universities. As with most degrees, a good degree in this subject is acceptable to employers.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Grade 5 in GCSE English

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