



## Politics

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Endeavour

Excel



**Entry Requirements:** Ideally Grade 6 or more in English Language and/or History

**Pass Rate:** 100%

**Exam Board:** Edexcel

### Trips & Events:

- Revision Conferences at University
- Visits by and to MPs
- Debate Club

**Student Voice:** "Politics is really fascinating, we are able to discuss current affairs and how they relate to our own lives."

**Student Voice:** "I really enjoy find out about America Politics and comparing it to the British system. It has made me aware of the different ways I can participate and make a difference."



# A Level Politics

## Edexcel Specification

### Year 12

To be able to understand and know about the democratic deficit in the UK; the Participation crisis and the role of Parties and Pressure Groups.

To be able to understand how Parliament works; the power of the Prime Minister and the impact of the Supreme Court has had on British politics. How are Human Rights protected in the UK?

To know the history and current controversies in Liberalism, Conservatism, Socialism and Feminism.

### Content:

#### Component 1: UK Politics

This component focuses on political participation in the UK.

Topics you will study include democracy and participation, rights in the UK, political parties, UK elections and voting behaviour and the media. You will also learn about the Core Political Ideas of Liberalism, Socialism and Conservatism.

#### Component 2: UK Government

This component focuses on how the UK is governed.

Topics you will study include the UK Constitution, Parliament, the Executive, devolution and the European Union, as well as relationships between the different parts of the UK government. You will also learn about another Political Idea: Feminism.

### Year 13

To be able to know and understand the power of the US President, Congress and the Supreme Court; the US Constitution, Rights and Participation in the US elections, as well as Pressure Groups, Race Relations and Voting Behaviour. Please note that all these are then compared with the appropriate aspects with the UK political system. Don't forget that 2020 is Presidential election year! We will watch presidential debates and analyse the election results.

### Content:

#### Component 3: Comparative Politics

This component focuses on studying the politics and government of the USA, and requires students to directly compare politics in the USA to politics in the UK.

The topics you will study include US pressure groups, elections, civil liberties and race relations, political parties, the US Constitution, Congress, the Presidency and the Supreme Court.

### A-Level Assessment

3 x 2-hour papers, each worth 33% of the final total.

### Beyond A-Levels: Future career Aspirations

Many of our students go to University to study Politics as a degree in its own right or as a combination with another subject, with a view in pursuing careers in journalism, broadcasting, local government, the civil service, the diplomat corps, management, international organisations and charities.

