

Government and Politics

Qualification: A-Level Government and Politics

Additional Entry Information:

Speak to **Miss R Hodnett** for more information.

What do students need to know or be able to do before taking the course?

You do not require any prior knowledge to study Government & Politics just a keen interest in what is happening around you.

What will students learn on this course (skills and course content)?

A Level Government & Politics helps to develop important transferable skills such as analysis of ideas, informed discussion, interpretation of evidence, critical appreciation of arguments, written communication, delivery of presentations and teamwork.

What sort of student is this course suitable for?

You need to be inspired by the subject and passionate about your own opinions. Prepared to read, not just textbooks and the reading provided but the interesting parts, newspaper articles, TV, the radio and podcasts. It is essential that students aim to get up to date with what is happening in the world. Finally, students need to be able to communicate clearly and construct an essay.

What kind of work will students need to be able to do outside of lessons?

It is essential that students are reading widely, staying up to date with current world affairs. This is in addition to regular essays and assignments set.

What is the course content and how is this assessed?

AS Unit 1 - Government in Wales and the United Kingdom

AS Unit 2- Living and participating in a democracy

A2 Unit 3- Political concepts and theories

A2 Unit 4- Government and politics in the USA

All units are assessed by means of an external examination.

What could students go on to do at the end of this course?

Government & Politics at both AS and A2 is recognised as a first rate qualification whether you are applying for a job or university. The course gives an excellent foundation for students who wish to pursue a degree in, Politics, Business, Economics, History, English, International Relations or Law. Most universities offer flexibility within departments and offer a number of dual honours degrees meaning you would be able to combine a political education with another subject of interest. Many of the skills are transferable for jobs in Local Government, Broadcasting, Journalism, Law and Education.

