

Politics

Exam Board: Edexcel/Pearsons

Specification: A Level 9PLO

Entry Criteria: Grade 6 – GCSE English Language or English Literature or GCSE Grade 6 in RE or History as the subject specific entry criteria.

All students must also have achieved a minimum of a GCSE Grade 5 in English Language or English Literature.

What will I study:

The political world including the study of pressure groups, political parties, democracy, civil liberties, electoral systems, the role of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, devolution, the judiciary and Parliament in the UK and the USA. We also introduce political ideologies.

A Level Units

Unit 1: UK Politics

1: Political Participation (Democracy, Political Parties, Electoral Systems, Voting Behaviour)

2: Core Political Ideas (Liberalism, Conservatism, Socialism)

Unit 2: UK Government

1: UK Government (Constitution, Parliament, Prime Minister, Branches of Court)

2: Political Ideas (feminism tbc)

Unit 3: Comparative Politics

1. The USA (Constitution, Branches of Court, Civil Rights, Participation)

Final Qualification: A Level

Progression Pathways:

Political studies provides excellent preparation for a wide range of careers from Law, to Journalism, Management, Civil Service, Not-for-Profit organisations, and pressure groups.

Course Leader: Mr Garrod-Morgan

Specification Link:

<http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/politics-2017.html#tab-0>