



Politics (Linear)

AQA: Course Code 7152

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Course Outline:

This course introduces students to the workings of government in Britain and to many of the important political debates of today.

It is relevant to anyone with an interest in current affairs.

Students will study the traditional political ideologies of Liberalism, Conservatism and Socialism, and also study a modern political ideology such as Feminism.

The Comparative Politics topic further develops analytical and evaluation skills, with students comparing and contrasting US and UK government and politics.

Assessment Framework

Assessment is 100% exam and consists of 3 exams at the end of Yr 13. Each exam is 2 hours in duration and is worth one third (33.3%) of your A-level.

Paper 1 - Government and politics of the UK

This paper examines 10 areas of study including the British Constitution, Democracy and Participation, Elections and Referendums, Prime Minister and Cabinet, Parliament, Judiciary, Devolution, Political Parties Pressure groups and the European Union.

Paper 2 - The government and politics of the USA and Comparative politics

This includes examination of the legislative and executive branches of government.

Paper 3 - Political ideas

This paper will involve the study of one ideology in detail such as Feminism. Students also examine liberalism, socialism and conservatism.

Course Entry Requirements:

GCSE English, History, Sociology or an equivalent humanity grade 6

Why Study A-level Politics?

The study of Government & Politics leads directly to university courses and careers in political science and public services. As a general humanities discipline it supports those wishing to follow routes into areas such as: administration, business, law, journalism and education.

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