



Just because you do not take an interest in politics doesn't mean **politics won't take an interest in you!**

— *Pericles*

A-level Politics

Have you ever wondered why the King reigns but doesn't rule? Or where the name Prime Minister comes from? Or indeed why a group of important ministers is called a Cabinet?

Politics A-level is a hugely exciting, ever changing and vibrant course which unites and divides students through the study of issues that are directly relevant to all our lives: health, economy, education, crime, the role of the state, war and peace. We will also consider global issues such as the financial crisis, the resurgence of populism and nationalism, inequality, the rise of China, and the impact of Brexit, climate change, the wars in Ukraine and Gaza and much more. We have found that subjects like history, economics, geography and philosophy combine well for those who are focused on humanities and social sciences but equally politics stands on its own merit, as regardless of your interest in politics, its reach into all areas of modern life means it influences much of what you do (including what you study).

To make sense of the seemingly disordered world of 21st century politics consider studying A level politics with us.

The course followed is Edexcel A-level Politics. The topics covered are:

- **UK Politics** – democracy and participation, political parties, electoral systems, voting behaviour and the

media.

- **UK Government** – the Constitution, Parliament, the Prime Minister and the executive, relationship between the institutions, core political ideas- Liberalism, Conservatism, Socialism.
- **Political Ideology** – Nationalism.
- **Global politics** – sovereignty and globalisation in terms of governance, institutions and theories.

What next?

Politics A-level is viewed as a traditional academic subject which develops a student's capacity to analyse and evaluate written information in a sophisticated way. Crafting and justifying perspectives and points of view are invaluable skills valued by many professions. The course is an excellent preparation for a wide variety of university courses and people orientated careers such as law, journalism, human resources, international relations, media, civil service, public relations, management and, of course, politics and local government.

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