

Humanities Faculty: Politics

Overview of the Curriculum

Politics A Level - Key Stage 5 (Years 12 & 13)

We've chosen to deliver the Edexcel specification because there is a clear and coherent structure to the course. There is a broad range of relevant and contemporary ideas, institutions, processes and issues to support learning about politics. The assessments develop students' skills in critical thinking and analysis, using a variety of question types, sources and materials which are accessible to all abilities.

This qualification provides students with a deep understanding of the workings of the UK political system and a variety of political ideas. We've opted to study the politics of the USA in Year 13 because of the interests of our students and the specialisms of our staff. Students are encouraged to become active and informed citizens, evaluating political information and arguments on their own merits. This qualification develops a life-long interest in politics, whilst teaching the traditional academic skills of critical thought, analysis, evaluation and essay writing which will be useful to them in whatever field they choose to pursue next.

Overview of schemes of work at each key stage

Key stage 5

Year 12

- UK Politics
- UK Government
- Liberalism
- Conservatism
- Socialism
- Feminism

Year 13

- US Politics
- US Government
- Comparative theories
- UK & US comparisons

Throughout this programme there is a focus on developing: knowledge and understanding, analysis and evaluation (of political information).