



POLITICS

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SUPPORT

Students should seek support whenever they need it. We are always available for support, whether through email or in person.

INTRODUCTION

Politics is a rich and rewarding A-level, which equips students with the knowledge and skills to develop an informed, critical understanding of the modern world. The four core elements of the course – government and politics of the UK and the US, comparative politics, and political ideologies and concepts – work together to give students a nuanced, multi-dimensional understanding of contemporary politics and historic developments, facilitating an excellent transition to degree-level study in social and political sciences or related disciplines.

WHAT TO BRING FOR YOUR FIRST LESSON

You should bring an open mind and a willingness to participate in group discussion. You should also ideally bring a lever-arch file, file paper and pens and paper.

CLASSWORK, HOMEWORK AND INDEPENDENT STUDY

You will encounter a wide range of activities in lessons, including: data analysis, group discussion and seminar-style learning, note making, lecture-style instruction, problem solving and exam preparation.

The real joy and challenge of A-level politics lies in applying theories and concepts encountered in class to contemporary developments. Accordingly, wider reading around the subject is strongly encouraged and supported. You will be provided with a guided reading list at the start of the course, as well as access to a dedicated online learning platform to support your homework and independent study.



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