



POLITICS

STAFF

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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.

You should bring your completed bridging work in both UK Government and UK Politics. This will form the basis of your initial lessons, as well as your first assessment.

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.

