Politics

Room: Shades Café

What the Students Say

"Year 12 is about what Politics is like in reality. Year 13 is about what Politics could and should be."

What Is This Course About?

Politics is about more than just what goes on in Westminster. It includes much wider issues about fairness, poverty, discrimination, climate change, war and conflict. We are interested in ideas that are fundamental to society: power, freedom, justice and human nature.

Studying Politics A Level is to understand how the world around us operates.
It is always changing, and this is reflected in the classroom. If you want to make sense of current affairs, enjoy thinking about and debating controversial issues then Politics is the subject for you.

What Will I Learn?

Component 1: UK Politics

- How democratic is the UK?
- What are the ideas of UK political parties?
- How fair are UK elections? Should we change to a better system?
- How does the media influence voters?

This paper also includes core political ideas: socialism, liberalism, conservatism.

Component 2: UK Government

- Who makes the rules for politicians?
- How powerful is parliament?
- Do judges protect us or undermine democracy?

This paper also includes our optional political idea: nationalism

Component 3: Global Politics

- Globalisation
- The work of the UN and NATO
- Human rights and the climate emergency
- Types of power: superpowers and rogue states

Where Will It Take Me?

With an A Level in Politics, you can progress to degrees in Politics, International Politics/Relations and Political Science as well as related subjects such as History. The study of Politics can lead to a variety of careers within areas such as journalism and broadcasting, management, publishing, local government, and the voluntary and legal sectors, as well as politics itself.

What Other Opportunities Exist Outside of Class?

We aim to give all students the opportunity to visit the Houses of Parliament. We also welcome leading local politicians into school to work with our A level students. Zoom calls with members of the House of Lords enable students to ask questions to policy makers.