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## **A Level Government and Politics**



### **Why study Government and Politics?**

Studying Government and Politics will help you understand the political structures that make the decisions that shape our world, at a local, national and international level. It is a dynamic subject that will help you understand important events that are reported in the media every day.

### **What are the course entry requirements?**

### **How will I study?**

The course is split into AS and A-Level. In year 12 (AS) you will study two units and complete 2 exams at the end of the year. In year 13, you will study the remaining two units and sit 2 more exams at the end of the year.

### **What will I learn?**

In the first year of your course, AS level, you will study:

- **Government in Wales and the UK:** you will learn about Sovereignty, Power and accountability in the UK; the Government of the UK and how devolution works in the UK.
- **Living and participating in a democracy:** you will learn about Citizenship and rights; participation through elections and voting and participation through political parties, pressure groups and political movements.

In the second year of your course, A level, you will study:

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- **Political concepts and theories:** you will learn about the origins, concepts, debates and impact of Liberalism, Conservatism, Socialism and Communism, and Nationalism.
- **Government and politics of the USA:** you will learn about democracy in America; the Government of the USA and participation and democracy in US politics.

### **What skills will I develop?**

Apart from becoming much more informed about political issues and your own rights, you will also develop skills such as:

Analytical skills

Critical Thinking

Debate and argument construction

Evaluation skills

Literacy

Problem solving skills

Research skills

### **How will my work be assessed?**

There are two exams at AS each worth 20% of your A Level qualification. Each exam lasts 1 hour 30 minutes and is worth 80 marks. The exams consist of shorter answer questions, extract questions and extended writing questions.

At A-level there are also two exams each worth 30% of your A level qualification. Each exam lasts 2 hours 30 minutes and is worth 120 marks. The exams consist of shorter answer questions and extended writing questions.

You will be asked to demonstrate your knowledge and understanding, your ability to interpret and apply and your ability to analyse and evaluate in all of the AS and A level exams.

### **What career opportunities could be pursued from studying government and politics?**

An A level in Government and Politics can be helpful when applying for degrees in Economics, History, Journalism, International Relations, Law, Politics and Social Policy.

It can be a great starting point for a career in Business, Journalism, Law, Management, Social Work and Teaching.