

A LEVEL GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

Why choose 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 will I study?

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:

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.

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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 I 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.

Careers with 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.

A student studying Government and Politics said:

It helps you to clarify your own political beliefs and to be able to understand the reasoning behind the beliefs of others you might not agree with.

It is constantly changing; you can see the impact of this subject every day around you.

It helps you to understand the processes and organisations that can effect real change in the world.

It helps prepare you for the role you can play in society as an individual, as a voter, as a member of political party or even as a Member of Parliament or the Senedd.

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