

# GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

#### WHY STUDY GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS?

Studying British politics now is probably more exciting than it's ever been. Widespread constitutional reforms have changed the political map. The establishment of the Parliament in Scotland and the Assemblies in Wales, Northern Ireland and London mean that power is shifting. Also, decisions regarding Britain's membership of the EU mean that debates over sovereignty and co-operation rage long and hard. We now live in a globalised world so it is important to understand how this works and what the benefits and challenges are.

Students will be given the opportunity to engage in a new and exciting subject which will be accessed through a range of teaching and learning methods.





### **AFTER A-LEVEL GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS?**

In recent years our students have gone on to study a variety of courses with a number studying at LSE, Oxford and Cambridge. The range of courses which students have moved on to include politics, history, economics, international relations, American studies, marketing, teaching, law and many more. It is a very versatile subject which can be combined well with both humanities and science A-levels.

#### THE COURSE

The course is split into three components:

# **Component 1 = UK Politics**

- Political participation
- Democracy
- Political parties
- Electoral systems
- Voting behaviour and the media
- Core ideas (Liberalism, Socialism and Conservatism)



# **Component 2 = UK Government**

- The constitution
- Parliament
- The PM and government
- The relationship between the different parts of the state
- One of the following = anarchism, ecology, feminism, nationalism or multiculturalism

# **Component 3 = Comparative Politics**

- Theories of global politics
- Sovereignty and globalisation
- Global governance—economic and environmental
- Power and developments
- Regionalism and the EU

# **ASSESSMENT**

All assessment is done through examination.

# Components 1 & 2 =

Worth 33% of total A-level each

2 hour exams

2 x 30 mark essays & 1 x 24 mark essay

84 marks in total (per paper)

#### Component 3 =

Worth 33% of the total A-level

2 hour exam

2 x 12 mark questions & 2 x 30 mark essays

84 marks in total

# **Teaching:**

The teaching is split between Mrs Warner and Mrs Shoesmith-Evans

## **RESULTS**

Year	A*- C	A*- E
2024	62%	100%
2023	50% (A* to B)	100%
2022	100%	100%