



A Level

Specification: AQA

# GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

## What will I study?

Over the course of the A Level you will study 3 units:

- UK Government, Politics and Constitution
- Political Ideas and Ideologies
- Comparative Politics: The US Constitution and Political system.

During the A Level you will explore the theory of politics and government and encounter a range of different concepts about how governments should work. You will also explore real world issues through case studies of British and American politics, developments and political trends, as you analyse the practice of politics in modern societies.

## What skills will I need?

- Enjoyment of current affairs
- Willingness to ask questions and participate in class discussions
- Ability to write coherently, with strong literacy skills
- Ability to analyse information critically
- Independent study skills, including keeping up to date with political stories in the news
- Love of reading

## How will I learn?

Our learning depends on a variety of lesson techniques including:

- Engagement with news and current events
- Reading and note-taking
- Individual research
- Debate and discussion
- Teacher presentations

## How will I be assessed?

The exam papers consist primarily of extended written essays allowing you to reach judgements on political issues, based on an understanding of contemporary issues and political theory.

## Careers & Progression

An A Level in Government and Politics provides an excellent background for careers in law, journalism, the caring professions, teaching, and a range of management and business areas. It is valued as a subject that teaches critical thinking, understanding of the world today, how to structure arguments and ideas, and how to understand people and their behaviour.