



POLITICS

Specification: Edexcel

Love it or hate it, you can't escape the fact that politics has a direct impact upon your life. Because Politics is a living subject and constantly changing, there's never a dull moment. You don't have to be a budding politician for this course, but you will need to have an interest in the systems which govern our society.

Studying the political systems of the UK and USA will open your eyes to international relations and global issues. Everyone has a view on what's wrong with the world and how to put it right, so there are fantastic opportunities for discussion and debate. Keeping up to date with the news is essential, so that your analysis and writing are based on the latest developments.

COMPONENT 1:

UK politics and Core Political Ideas

1. Political Participation:

Democracy and participation
Political parties
Electoral systems
Voting behaviour and the media

2. Core Political Ideas:

Conservatism
Liberalism
Socialism

COMPONENT 2:

UK Government

1. UK Government

The constitution
Parliament
Prime Minister & executive
Relationships between the branches

2. Political Ideas

Anarchism

COMPONENT 3:

Comparative Politics

1. USA

The US Constitution & federalism
US congress
US presidency
US Supreme Court
Democracy and participation
Civil Rights

The course is suitable for students who:

- Are lively and have an inquiring mind
- Have an interest in current affairs and how the country is run
- Are keen to participate in debate
- Like to ask challenging questions about the country we live in
- Enjoy finding out answers for themselves
- Work well in groups and like to share ideas

ENRICHMENT

Year 12 visit to Westminster/Supreme Court
Year 12/13 Debating Society run and organised by students
Year 13 trip to Leicester US Politics Today Lectures with former members of Congress
Biannual trip to New York and Washington DC

For further details please contact Mrs Wilson/Mr Shardlow