



Politics (A Level)

What will the course involve?

- Unit 1 UK Politics and ideologies
- Unit 2 UK Government and ideologies
- Unit 3 Comparative Politics (USA)

Students will develop a broad knowledge and understanding of the political system of the UK. We study how elections and Parliament work, the role of the media and pressure groups in politics, the role and history of political parties, as well as theories of power and representation, rights and responsibilities. The third unit looks at the political system of the USA, examining the similarities and differences between two nations.

We will also look at different political ideologies: liberalism, socialism, conservatism, feminism, multiculturalism, and nationalism. This is a contemporary politics course so if a major political event occurs during the year we will be studying it.

How will I be assessed?

- Unit 1 *UK Politics and ideologies*: 2 hour exam: a mixture of source questions and essay questions. Completed at the end of Y13.
- Unit 2 *UK Government and ideologies*: 2 hour exam: a mixture of source questions and essay questions. Completed at the end of Y13.
- Unit 3 *Comparative Politics (USA)*: 2 hour exam: a choice of essay questions based on US politics. Completed at the end of Y13.

What skills will I develop?

It is contemporary, vibrant and dynamic and helps students understand and make sense of the world around them. Politics students will develop critical thinking, the ability to make persuasive arguments, extended writing, and analysing complex factors. This is what makes Politics such a highly regarded academic subject.

Where can the study of History lead?

You can progress to higher education courses such as honours degrees in **politics, international politics/relations** and **political science** as well as to degrees in related subjects such as **history, geography, economics** and **social policy**. Graduates in these subjects have gone into professions that require critical thinking, information analysis and the ability to make an argument, for example law, journalism, and the civil service.

Where can I get more information?

For further information about studying Politics at Archbishop Blanch Sixth Form contact Miss J Bruce (Subject Leader for Politics) on admin@blanch.org.uk