



Abbey Gate College
Sixth Form



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Politics

Pearson Edexcel

Why study this at A Level?

Politics is a popular A-Level choice for young people who want to better understand the complex and ever-changing world in which we live.

Politics is a highly respected subject in its own right and also complements a wide range of university disciplines, including International Relations, Law, History, and Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE).

Course Content and Assessment

You will study British Government and Politics, exploring how the UK's political system works and the key institutions that shape our democracy.

You will learn about the UK Constitution and its democratic principles, political parties and electoral systems, and the factors that influence elections. You will also examine how laws are made in Parliament and how they are interpreted and upheld by the courts.

In your second year, you will explore US Government and Politics, developing your understanding of one of the world's most influential political systems.

This prepares you for the comparative element of the course, where you will analyse and evaluate the similarities and differences between the British and US political systems.

Skills obtained

Studying A-Level Politics will help you develop a wide range of valuable and transferable skills. You will strengthen your ability to think critically, analyse complex issues and evaluate different arguments and perspectives.

You will also develop excellent research, communication and essay-writing skills, while learning how to construct clear, well-supported arguments and confidently express your own views.

Our students have gone on to pursue a number of related university courses including Politics, Law, Economics, Psychology and Sociology

Assessment

3 public examinations