St Benedict's Sixth Form

A Level Politics

Course Description

Lively, relevant, controversial… there are many ways to describe A-level Politics. There's no denying that it's one of the most interesting and engaging qualifications you can choose.

Politics is the study of government. Politics is the process of gaining and exerting governance - organised control over a state or local community. Studying politics involved looking at how that power is handled, and where the power lies. Ever wondered how Donald Trump got into power or whether the UK government deserves to be re-elected?

Covering news and current affairs from the UK and US, it helps you understand how the UK country is run and develops research, written communication and debate skills. It also helps grow your confidence.

Skills Attained

Politics develops students essay writing ability, and ability to maintain a clear line of argument throughout an extended piece of writing. Throughout your studies you will consider ideological debates and you will be expected to take part in debates which will improve your presentation skills, confidence, reflectiveness and critical thinking. You will be able to understand and evaluate current affairs (the news), so that you are an informed citizen, who is able to hold those in power to account and to be able to challenge other people's views with evidence based reasoning.

Assessment

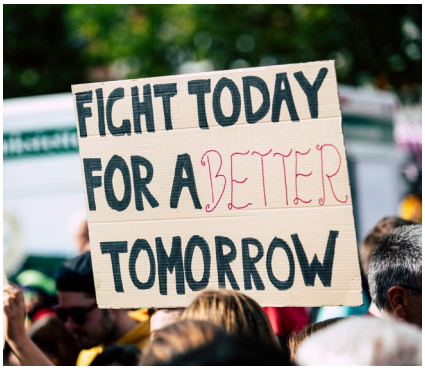
Students will sit three 2 hour exam papers at the end of the second year of A Level Politics. Each paper is worth 84 marks and 33.3% of the final A level grade

Paper 1: Government and politics of the UK

Paper 2: Political ideas

Paper 3: The government and politics of the USA — Comparative politics





Progression

Politics has never been so important and companies and the government are looking for future employees to be able to understand the world we live in.

Your future employer wants to higher someone who can present ideas and competently hold a conversation on current affairs who can easily adapt to challenges. Studying Politics gives you these skills and makes you incredible desirable to future employers.

It's ideal if you're considering studying politics, sociology, law, ethics, advertising or journalism at university and is highly regarded by employers in industries including politics, international organisations, the media, government and the civil service.

Entry Requirements

Grade 4 in GCSE English
Grade 4 in GCSE Citizenship or History or Geography

Exam Board: Edexcel

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