

# A Level Politics

## Course Details and Assessment

Government and Politics is a new A-Level offered at Deyes and will be delivered by the History department. A level Politics develops your skills of analysis, interpretation, evaluation, and communication. You will learn to write precisely and to argue logically, assessing the strengths and weaknesses of political institutions, processes, concepts and ideologies.

Politics is a subject that compliments many other areas of study including History, Sociology, English, Philosophy, Geography and Psychology. It is a highly regarded and rigorous academic subject

Students can expect to have varied and engaging lessons. Students will take part in class debates, group work and independent study.

Students will also enjoy an annual trip to the House of Parliament in London, where they will meet their local MP and will watch a session in the House of Commons and House of Lords.

The course will cover the following topic areas:

### Unit 1

- Government and politics of the UK
- Political Ideas

### Unit 2

- The government and politics of the USA
- Political Ideas



## How is the course assessed?

### Year One

All students will sit a mock exam in the summer term of year 12

Grading - A\* - E

### Year Two

Unit 1 - 2 Hours - 77 Marks - 33.3%

Government and politics of the UK

Unit 2 - 2 Hours - 77 Marks - 33.3%

The government and politics of the USA and Comparative politics

Unit 3 - 2 Hours - 77 Marks - 33.3%

Political ideas

All units are a mixture of medium length 'explain' question (9 marks) and essay style questions (25 marks)

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*"Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we have been waiting for. We are the change that we seek".*

*Barack Obama*

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## Where can A Level Politics lead me?

All employers value students who can think critically, argue persuasively, evaluate evidence and communicate ideas convincingly.

## Possible careers include...

**Media - Finance - Civil Service - Local Government**  
**Law - Criminology - Research - Public Relations - Journalism**

## What key skills do I need?

Studying Politics provides students with an excellent opportunity for candidates to improve their employability skills such as:

- Analysis
- Evaluation
- Communication
- Logical argument
- Good Time Management
- Essay Writing is key – so this must be a strength.



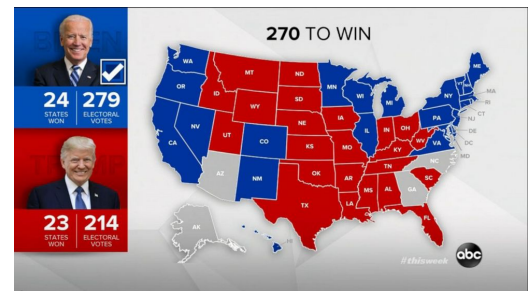
## Entry Requirements

To be able to study A Level Politics, you must achieve:

- GCSE grade 6 in English Language
- GCSE grade 6 in Humanities

## Exam Board

AQA



Still got questions?



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