

Government and Politics	
Teacher in charge of subject	Mrs Brookshaw
Type of qualification	A level
Exam board and subject code	Edexcel 9PLO
Entry requirements	
Specific subject requirement	Grade 4 in GCSE History or English
Course details	
<p>This is an exciting course aimed at students who are interested in how our world works!</p> <p>You will be debating the power of the President in US politics, investigating why Americans are allowed to have guns and deciding how “free” people should be.</p> <p>You will study the impact of the government in the UK on our lives, how the British system works and how decisions made in parliament are interpreted by the courts. You will explore different political ideas, from liberalism to socialism as well as specific issues such as the environment and gender equality.</p> <p>If you are interested in whether referendums are the best way to make decisions or whether political parties should be doing more for the environment, then this could be the course for you.</p>	
Assessment	
<p>The Politics A Level will be assessed at the end of Year 13 with 3 exams. Each exam is 2 hours long and is worth 33.3% of the A Level.</p> <p>Paper 1: UK Politics. This includes topics such as democracy, voting behaviour and the media, as well as core political ideas such as conservatism, liberalism and socialism.</p> <p>Paper 2: UK Government. This includes topics such as the constitution, parliament, Prime Minister as well as non-core political ideas where we study feminism.</p> <p>Paper 3: Comparative Politics. This includes the US Constitution and federalism, US Congress, US presidency, US Supreme Court and civil rights, democracy and participation and comparative theories.</p>	
Career options	
<p>Politics is an academic subject that is valued by universities, colleges and employers. You will be developing skills that are highly prized in the work place from analysis, to presenting an argument and carrying out independent research. Politics can lead to a wide-range of careers and professions such as law, journalism, marketing and many more.</p>	