

Politics

Examination Board: Edexcel A Level in Politics: 9PLO

What will I learn?

The A Level Politics course at Halliford will consist of three main components: UK Politics, UK Government and Comparative Politics. In Lower Sixth, students study UK Politics and UK Government. UK Politics includes the study of Political Participation, including political parties, voting behaviour and the media, together with the Core Political Ideas of Conservatism, Liberalism and Socialism. UK Government includes the study of the roles of parliament and Prime Minister.

In Upper Sixth, we study Comparative US Politics. This will include the US Constitution, Congress, Presidency and the Supreme Court.

Assessment

A Level

Three equally weighted examinations.

Who is the course suited to?

The course is suited to students who have a wider interest in Politics. They may choose A Level Politics in conjunction with other Arts and Humanities subjects or they may choose it to provide a contrast to Science subjects. Students should have achieved good GCSE grades in related subjects such as History or English.

What is the structure of the course

Component 1 (33.3% of total A Level)

UK Politics: Political Participation and Core Political Ideas

Component 2 (33.3% of total A Level)

UK Government: UK Government and Optional Political Ideas

Component 3 (33.3% of total A Level)

Comparative Politics: The USA

Reasons to consider doing Government and Politics at A Level:

You are interested in Politics - this is the most important reason!

However, Politics does help to develop important skills that are highly transferable both academically and professionally. You will further develop your extended writing skills, your ability to analyse and consider evidence, and your ability to construct a coherent and rational argument. For these reasons, Politics is closely linked to careers such as the civil service, law and journalism. Politics is also often studied in combination with, and to complement, History, both at A Level and university.
