

# A LEVEL POLITICS



# RECENT CHANGES TO A LEVEL POLITICS

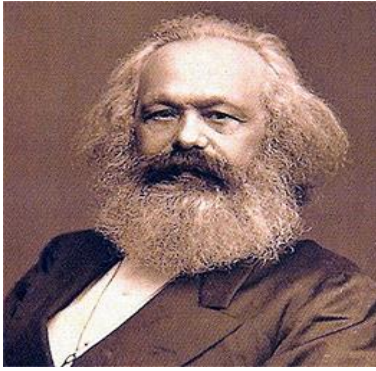
All new A Level Politics specifications for use in England will:

- Be assessed by examination only.
- Be linear, with assessment at the end of the second year.
- Year 1 introduces students to British Politics and some of its key issues. Year 2 is a more specialized, in-depth study of political ideas and Comparative Politics.
- Cover a broad range of relevant and contemporary ideas, institutions, processes and issues are to be covered.

## OUR APPROACH TO TEACHING AND LEARNING

Building on our reputation for excellent results:

- We place a strong emphasis on allowing students to carry out activities, not just to develop their analytical and evaluative skills but to provide them with a full range of learning experiences.
- We choose optional topics such as Feminism, Anarchism or Nationalism and US Politics. These allow learners to gain an insight into a range of the most interesting contemporary political issues and developments.
- We have a flexible teaching approach but expect students to take responsibility for their learning. We stress the need to complete homework, respect deadlines and set high standards.
- We use a wide range of high-quality learning materials.
- Student outcomes in A Level Politics at WSFC have been consistently good or outstanding for many years.
- Students will be taught by passionate and innovative subject specialists in Politics who are either current or former examiners.



## A LEVEL ASSESSMENT

Students will be assessed by three written examinations in the summer of Year 2.

### **Component 1 UK Politics**

Written examination: 2 hours

(33⅓% of the qualification)

Content overview

1. Political Participation, students will study: democracy and participation, political parties, electoral systems, voting behaviour and the media.
2. Core Political Ideas, students will study: conservatism, liberalism, socialism

### **Component 2 UK Government**

Written examination: 2 hours

(33⅓% of the qualification)

Content overview 1. UK Government, students will study: the constitution, Parliament, Prime Minister and the government, relationships between the branches of government (Executive, Parliament, & Judiciary).

2. Non-core political ideas, students will study: one idea from the following: anarchism, ecologism, feminism, multiculturalism, nationalism

### **Component 3 Comparative Politics – The USA**

Written examination: 2 hours

(33⅓% of the qualification)

Students study the government and politics of the USA. This covers: the US Constitution and federalism, US Congress, US presidency, US Supreme Court and civil rights, democracy and participation, comparative theories.

## SUBJECT COMBINATIONS

Politics can be studied in combination with a wide variety of other subjects. In particular, it fits well with History, Sociology, Classics, Law, Religious Studies, Geography, Business Studies, Psychology and Economics.



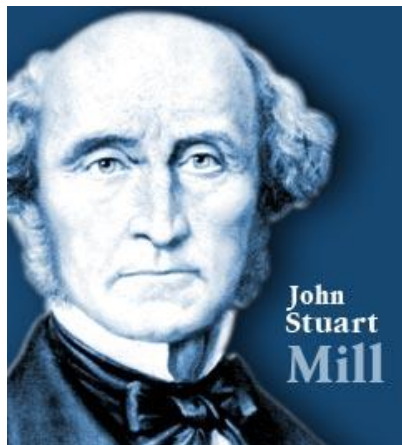
## ENTRY AND SKILL REQUIREMENTS

### What are the entry requirements for A Level Politics?

- Level 4 in GCSE English Language.
- An interest in current affairs.

### What if I don't have a 4 in GCSE English but am really interested in politics?

Come and see us at Course Allocation.



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