

A LEVEL POLITICS



INTRODUCING A LEVEL POLITICS

All A Level Politics specifications for use in England are:

- Assessed by examination only
- Linear, with assessment at the end of the second year
- At WSFC we follow the Edexcel specification
- 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 focusing on the USA
- 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.

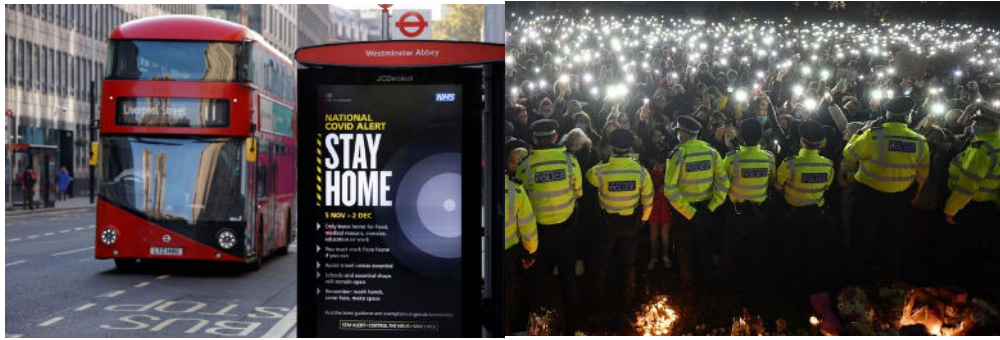
Component 3 Comparative Politics – The USA

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, Economics, Business Studies, Criminology, Psychology and Environmental Science.



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 Confirmation



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