



A Level Government and Politics

AIMS OF THE COURSE

- To develop a critical awareness of the nature of politics and the relationship between political ideas, institutions and processes
- To acquire knowledge and understanding of the structures of authority and power within the political system of the UK, and how these may differ from those of other political systems
- To develop an informed understanding of the rights and responsibilities of the individual
- To encourage an interest in and engagement with contemporary political issues

COURSE CONTENT

The A-Level Government and Politics course develops a broad knowledge and understanding of the political system of the UK, including the local and European Union (EU) dimensions. It encourages candidates to develop their capacity for critical thinking, to see relationships between different aspects of government and politics and to perceive their field of study in a broader perspective, including some comparisons with other political systems. The course also seeks to develop knowledge and understanding of relevant political concepts and processes.

It should be paramount for all young people to be aware of how our government operates and to understand what it means to be an active, informed citizen outside the academic setting. A Level Government and Politics is the ideal subject to gain an understanding of the very important privileges that UK citizens enjoy. Government and Politics is also an exciting and intellectual challenge.

SKILLS REQUIRED

Written fluency and the ability to analyse documents are important skills in this subject. It is essential to have an interest in Politics to study this subject, and all candidates are expected to keep themselves well-informed about contemporary developments. What makes it different as an academic subject is the emphasis on debate, discussion and argument. The ability to look at different perspectives and critically analyse them is of fundamental importance.

ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES

All units are 100% exam based. There is no coursework required for A Level Government and Politics.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Government and Politics is useful in a wide variety of careers where written fluency in presenting an argument is required. The ability to think critically and reach reasoned conclusions is a skill used in many careers, for example Law, Banking, Journalism and Business. It is also a useful subject to have for many University courses.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The minimum entry requirements for Level 3 academic study apply. In addition, applicants require a Grade 6 in English.