



# Post 16 Prospectus: POLITICS

Advanced Subsidiary (AS) & Advanced Level (A2)  
Examining Board: Edexcel

## AIM

The aim of the course is to encourage students to:

- Examine the structures of power and authority in the UK and USA
- Enjoy researching and discussing current affairs
- Follow a course that will complement a wide number of other A-Levels

There was never a more exciting time to study politics. British politics has experienced seismic changes over the past few months, European politics is rapidly changing as a result of the UK's Brexit vote and a new president has been elected in the USA

The new Ed-excel syllabus offers choice and flexibility so students can develop their knowledge and understanding of the role politics plays in key issues that impact on today's world.

Students will study:

- Democracy and participation, political parties, electoral systems, voting behaviour and the media.
- Conservatism, liberalism, socialism.
- The UK Constitution
- UK Parliament
- Prime Minister and executive
- Relationships between the branches

For USA students will study:

- The US Constitution and federalism,
- US congress
- US presidency
- US Supreme Court
- Democracy and participation, civil rights.

## SUBJECT ENRICHMENT

Visiting speakers and examiners. In 2015 and 2017 we held a Question Time debate with all the Keighley candidates standing in the General Election. There are student led debating clubs in both Politics and Economics.

## SUBJECT SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

General entry requirement for Post-16: 5 grade 4/C at GCSE, preferably including English and Maths. Specific entry requirements: Grade 4 in English.



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## STUDENT PERSPECTIVES

- 'Politics is an interesting and engaging course as the political world is constantly changing which keeps the subject exciting'
- 'Politics lessons are engaging and interesting as the content reflects real time, real world events. It is well taught and the areas of study are unique and intriguing'

## STUDENT SUPPORT

In the Politics department we support students in a number of ways including offering revision sessions at lunch time and after school. We use technology to share resources so students can access information 24/7. We offer bespoke support to prepare students for examinations. This involves developing the use of politics terminology and examination techniques

## WHERE NEXT?

Many students start the course with a very limited knowledge of politics but quickly become hooked and carry on their study at university. Course include PPE (Including Oxbridge in 2016), International relations, parliamentary studies, and combined honors such as English and Politics or History and Politics and some students have progressed to study MA.

## STUDENT SUCCESS

Our students have pursued varied careers in politics including:

- Parliamentary researcher based in MP's parliamentary office
- Department of Health in civil service, fast track career path
- Legal work with Clifford Chance, London
- Campaign Manager for prominent Liberal Democrat MP in 2005 election
- Radio Journalism
- Several jobs in local politics