KS5 | Curriculum
Politics

THE WALDERSLADE & GREENACRE SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP

Qualification type / Exam Board

A-Level / Pearson Edexcel

What will I learn about?

There are three components that make up the A-Level Politics qualification.

- The first component is UK Politics. In this component, students will examine core political ideologies and will look at the elements that make up political participation: the concept of democracy, political parties, electoral systems, voting behaviour and the media.
- The second component is UK Government. In this component, students will look at alternative political ideologies and will look at the elements that make up the UK Government: the constitution, parliament, the role of the Prime Minister and the executive branch, and the relationship between the branches of government.
- The final component is Comparative Politics. In this component, students will examine the US political system as a case study and will compare and contrast it to the UK system.

How is my work assessed?

100% Examination

There are three written exams, each lasting 2 hours.

- **Paper 1: UK Politics.** 84 marks. 33.3% of the overall grade.
- **Paper 2: UK Government**. 84 marks. 33.3% of the overall grade.
- **Paper 3: Comparative Politics (USA)**. 84 marks. 33.3% of the overall grade.

What should I consider before starting this subject?

Students should be confident at extended or essay writing and should have an interest in politics or political ideology. Students should be confident with humanities or social science subjects such as History, Citizenship, or Sociology.

Why is this course useful and what might it lead to?

A-Level Politics is a good subject to learn with other humanities or social sciences such as History, Sociology or Law. Students can go on to work in careers such as journalism or the civil service and can go on to study similar subjects at university.

Entry requirements

GCSE English at 4 and above. GCSE History or Geography at 4 and above.

Where can I find more information?

Speak to Mr Evans Berry or visit https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/politics-2017.html.