

A-LEVEL POLITICS

Awarding Body - Edexcel 8PLO and 9PLO

The Politics AS and A level enables students to develop a critical awareness of the nature of politics and the relationship between political ideas, institutions and processes. Students will acquire knowledge and understanding of the structures of authority and power within the political system of the United Kingdom, and how these may differ from those of other political systems and will develop an informed understanding of the rights and responsibilities of the individual.

Course content

Unit 1: People and Politics

- Democracy and Political Participation
- Party Policies and Ideas
- Election systems and voting behaviour
- Role of the Media

Unit 2: UK Government

- Constitution
- Parliament
- PM and executive
- Relationship between the branches

Unit 3: US Politics

- Constitution and federalism
- US Congress
- US Presidency
- US Supreme Court and Civil rights
- Democracy and Participation

Unit 4: Core Political Ideas

- Conservatism
- Liberalism
- Socialism

And a Non-core political idea either:

Anarchism, Ecologism, Feminism, multiculturalism, nationalism