

POLITICS



Exam Results

2025	Next cohort
2023	Over 20% of Politics students went on to read a politics-related degree at university
2022	50% A*-C

Course Leader

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Exam Board

Edexcel

Assessment

Written examinations

Extra curricular opportunities

Visit local Government buildings

Parliament visit - UK Parliament and the Foreign Office

Political activism - running a debate club

Mock election

Meet an MP

Guidance on local political events such as hustings to attend in Bristol

What will you study?

You will be learning about the British political system, how it works, and how people interact with it. As well as studying underpinning political ideologies such as liberalism, socialism and conservatism, you will also learn how our democratic, voting and law-making systems work and cover case studies of how the media has affected voting behaviours. Alongside your study of the British system, you will also be studying global politics, addressing all the major challenges facing our world today. First you study international theories of politics; liberalism and realism. You then look at the successes and failures of economic and political globalisation, the controversies around human rights and conflict resolution and the increasing need to tackle climate change.

Future pathways

Politics is essential for anybody intending to study government or law because you will understand the mechanics of our legal system. It is also useful for careers in the media, business management, the civil service and, of course, being Prime Minister.

"Politics is a thought-provoking course which will equip you with knowledge of our political system and those of other countries, as well as the state of global affairs. It provides vital 'cultural capital' that enables you to participate in political debates with friends and family. Furthermore, it will develop your ability to analyse, argue and win those debates."