



## **Government and Politics A Level**

### **Why study this subject?**

If you enjoy current affairs, learning about UK and US politics and have an interest in political ideology, an A Level in Government and Politics will both interest and challenge you.

### **Entry Requirements**

Please see the entry requirements page on the school website.

### **Content**

#### **Unit 1 – Government and Politics of the UK**

Includes the study of the constitution, the UK Parliament, the Prime Minister and the Cabinet, the judiciary, devolution, elections, referendums, pressure groups, political parties and the EU.

#### **Unit 2 – The Government and Politics of the USA and Comparative Politics**

Includes the study of the US constitution; the executive, legislative and judicial branches of government; democracy; pressure groups and civil rights. Comparative politics is a direct comparison between the political systems of the UK and USA.

#### **Unit 3 – Political Ideas**

The study of four ideologies: conservatism, liberalism, socialism and feminism will enhance the students' knowledge and understanding of politics and is an opportunity to learn about these ideologies' views on human nature, society and the role of the state. We will explore the ideas of key thinkers such as Hobbes and Friedan and investigate internal tensions within each set of political beliefs.

### **Assessment**

All three units are assessed by a two hour external examination. There is no coursework component. The exams consist of three short answer questions, a source question and an extended essay question.

### **Future courses and possible careers**

Recent students of Government and Politics A Level have gone on to study a range of subjects including Politics, Law, History, Archaeology and PPE at a variety of prestigious institutions, such as the London School of Economics, Warwick University, Manchester University, Nottingham University and Durham University, to name but a few.