



# AS/A2 GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

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## EXAMINATION BOARD AND SYLLABUS EDEXCEL.

### ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

B grade in GCSE English Language.

### COURSE CONTENT

Year 12: AS modules

- Democracy / Elections / Referendums
- Electoral Reform
- Political Parties and their ideas
- Pressure Groups
- Nature of the Constitution
- Role of Parliament / Commons / Lords
- Prime Minister and Cabinet
- The Judiciary / Rule of Law / Civil Liberties
- Devolution
- The European Union

Year 13: A2 modules

- Liberalism (Individualism / Freedom)
- Conservatism (Tradition / Authority)
- Socialism (Co-operation / The Third Way)
- Anarchism (Utopianism / Mutualism)
- Nationalism (Race / Patriotism)
- Feminism (Patriarchy / Gender Equality)
- Ecologism (Environmentalism)
- Multiculturalism ( Diversity / Minority Rights / Tolerance)

## DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GCSE & A LEVEL

It is unlikely that you will have pursued a similar course at GCSE. Government and Politics at A Level involves handling complicated concepts and theories. Students are expected to maintain a critical and thorough eye on contemporary affairs, and to be prepared to submit their ideas to rigorous critical examination in discussion and in essay work.

## ORGANISATION OF WORK

Students will be expected to maintain an organised file. Both short answer and essay type work is set. Extensive reading is expected. In the past visits have been arranged to the Houses of Parliament and the Law Courts.

## USEFUL SUPPORTING GCSE'S AND A LEVEL SUBJECTS

The course will fit well with a wide range of other subjects, but especially with the other Humanities disciplines.

Assessment is by examination only.