

Nower Hill 6th Form:

*Inspiration, excellence,
opportunity - a confident future*

POLITICS **A Level**



Awarding Body

Edexcel

Who is the course for?

- Was it right to hold a referendum on Britain's membership of the European Union?
- How did Donald Trump become the President of the USA?
- Can the Labour Party win the next general election?
- How successful was Obama as President?

If you find these questions interesting; then Politics A-Level could be right for you.

What can it lead to?

A wide range of higher education courses. Politics enhances those skills which are appropriate for jobs involving writing, arguing, persuading and debating and consequently can lead to careers in law, politics, the media, education, journalism, business and management.

What are the entry requirements?

There are no specific entry requirements beyond the school's entry criteria and an interest in politics.

How will I be taught?

By a variety of methods including lecture, discussion, debate and video.

How will I be assessed?

- 3 exams at the end of the two year A-Level course each worth one third of the A-Level

What will I Study?

A Level

Component 1: UK Politics

This unit introduces the nature of democracy and the different electoral systems. You will examine the role of political parties and the factors that decide elections. You will also look at some key political ideologies

Component 2: UK Government

You will learn about the UK Constitution and how it has changed. We examine the importance of Parliament and its relationship with the Prime Minister. Students will also learn about some different political ideas.

Component 3 Comparative Politics

This unit examines the constitutional framework of the USA and examines the relationship between the President, Congress and the Supreme Court. You will also study how American elections work.

What equipment or materials will I need?

A good text book that will be recommended to you. Other things such as journals, other books, magazines and IT resources will also be made available to you. A keen interest in current affairs from newspapers and online articles is encouraged. You will also need a ring binder and dividers

Are there any links to other courses?

Yes, just about all Social sciences and Humanities subjects, but in particular Sociology, Law, PRE and History.