

Why study Government and Politics?

Government and Politics is a popular subject with people who want a subject that is vibrant and exciting whilst discussing and debating national and world-wide issues and current affairs.

This course allows you to study contemporary politics and develop a strong understanding of the factors shaping both the British and American systems. Along with this, students will develop their debating skills and are encouraged to think beyond the constraints of a text book.

Why study Government and Politics at Hackney New Sixth Form?

The Sixth Form (and school) has hosted visits from MPs and local councillors, and students will have many opportunities to explore their learning outside of the classroom including visits to Parliament.

Specialist teachers who have worked within Parliament and have real life experience of a working democracy.

We have brand new facilities including study areas and common rooms for students to take some time, grab a newspaper and catch up on current affairs.

What will you study in Government and Politics? How will I be assessed/

The examination board certifying the qualification is AQA. This specification allows flexibility so students can focus on a wide variety of current issues and topics.

<p>AS Level Unit 1</p>	<p>‘People, Politics and Participation’: (1 hour 30 minute examination worth 80 marks).</p>	<p>Two structured source-based topics from a choice of four. 50% of AS or 25% of A2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participation and Voting Behaviour - Electoral Systems - Political Parties - Pressure Groups and Protest Movements.
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Unit 2	‘Governing Modern Britain’: (1 hour 30 minute examination worth 80 marks.)	Two structured source-based topics from a choice of four. 1) The British Constitution 2) Parliament 3) The Core Executive 4) Multi-level Governance
A2 Level Unit 3	‘The Politics of the USA’: (1 hour 30 minute examination worth 80 marks)	1) The Electoral Process and Direct Democracy 2) Political Parties 3) Voting Behaviour 4) Pressure Groups
Unit 4	‘The Government of the USA’: (1 hour 30 minute examination worth 80 marks)	1) The Constitutional Framework of US Government 2) The Legislative Branch of Government: US Congress 3) The Executive Branch of Government 4) The Judicial Branch of Government: The Supreme Court

Students will study **one topic** from

- Political Issues: Ideologies in Action

- Ethnicity and Gender
- The Environment
- Education
- The Economy

What are the entry requirements for studying Government and Politics?

Entry requirements: TBD

AQA examinations are now linear. Assessment is in the form of examination at the end of each academic year. The assessment objectives are common to AS and A Level, there are three assessment objectives.

- AO1 Demonstrating knowledge and understanding of relevant institutions, processes, political concepts, theories and debates.
- AO2 Analyse and evaluate political information, arguments and explanations, and identify parallels, connections, similarities and differences between aspects of the political systems studied.
- AO3 Construct and communicate coherent arguments making use of a range of appropriate political vocabulary.