

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.

What will you study in Government and Politics?

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.

AS Level

- People, Politics and Participation
 - Participation and Voting Behaviour
 - Electoral Systems
 - Political Parties
 - Pressure Groups and Protest Movements.
- Governing Modern Britain
 - The British Constitution
 - Parliament
 - The Core Executive
 - Multi Level Governance

A2 Level

Students will study **one topic** in Unit 3.

- The Politics of the USA
 - The Electoral Process and Direct Democracy
 - Political Parties
 - Voting Behaviour
 - Pressure Groups
- Ideologies
 - Liberalism
 - Socialism

- Conservatism
- Fascism

Students will study **one topic** from Unit 4.

- **The Government of the USA**
 - The Constitutional Framework of US Government
 - The Legislative Branch of Government: US Congress
 - The Executive Branch of Government
 - The Judicial Branch of Government: The Supreme Court
- **Political Issues: Ideologies in Action**
 - Ethnicity and Gender
 - The Environment
 - Education
 - The Economy

Why study Government and Politics at HNSF?

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.

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 are the entry requirements for studying Government and Politics?

Entry requirements

B+ in English Language and B+ in another Humanities subject (e.g. Religious Studies, History etc) plus a real passion and interest in current affairs

How will I be assessed?

AQA examinations are now linear. Assessment is in the form of examination at the year 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.

AS examinations

Unit 1 – GOVP1

People, Politics and Participation

50% of AS, 25% of A Level

1 hour 30 minutes written examination

80 marks

Two structured, source-based topics from a choice of four.

Available in June only

Unit 2 – GOVP2

Governing Modern Britain

50% of AS, 25% of A Level

1 hour 30 minutes written examination

80 marks

Two structured, source-based topics from a choice of four.

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