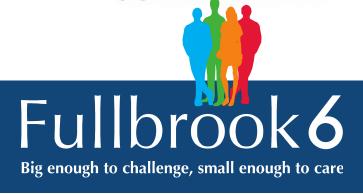
POLITICS



This evening we are going to tell you about:

- Course structure
- Assessment
- Extra resources
- Potential degree and apprenticeship routes from this A-Level
- Subjects that work well with this subject
- Potential career opportunities



Why should you study politics? What questions do we seek to answer?

2024 - USA presidential election

2025 – UK general election

This means you'd be studying the subject at a crucial time in political history!

As of September 2023, there have been over 500 mass shootings in the USA. Despite this, changing gun laws is incredibly difficult, even when President Biden pushes for it – why?

In 2016, Hillary Clinton gained 2.9 million more votes than Donald Trump, yet Trump won the election and become the 45th President of the USA. How?

What was Partygate and why was it so controversial?



What's the deal with Brexit?



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Don't be put off by the appearance of the subject as complicated – politics is for everyone and it's applicable to your entire life

Politics is the first step into understanding the world and knowing the history of institutions that govern us. By knowing this, we can know how to change the system



What our students say:

"I really like politics because I feel like I am able to voice my opinion on lots of different issues and feel very supported to do this, even if other people disagree"

"It's clear that Miss really loves teaching politics and this has helped me to find my own passion for the subject" "Politics helps
me to better
understand the
world around
me and I can
now discuss this
with other
people with
much more
confidence"

I chose politics as it was a subject that would help me for a Uni course prospect, while I have changed that course, politics remains one of my favourite subjects. It is engaging, entertaining and has helped me with being able to back my arguments in a political and humanitarian conversation. "I'd always wanted to study Politics so jumped at the chance to do so at Alevel. Politics has quickly became my favourite subject. Every lesson is engaging and challenging and I always leave having learnt something new"

I chose politics as a 4th subject, because I thought it sounded fun, but it's become my favourite subject because it is so interesting seeing how you can change the world.



Course Structure

Year One	Year Two
UK Politics	Political Ideas – Nationalism
UK Government	US politics and systems
Political ideas – liberalism, socialism, conservativism	Comparative politics

Edexcel Pearson – 9PLO

Examined at the end of the two years



What are politics lessons like?

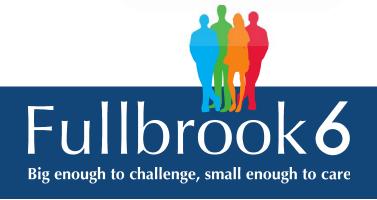
- Debates
- Multimedia forms
- Group Discussions
- Exam question activities

- Research tasks and projects
- Analysis of speeches, current events and political articles



How will a 100 minute lesson be used ?

- More opportunities to practice political skills such as debating and oracy
- More opportunities to consider politics on a global and philosophical scale by discussing case studies beyond those prescribed by the exam board
- Wider opportunities to discuss topical issues as they arise
- More opportunities to practice exam skills
- More feedback and advice on progress



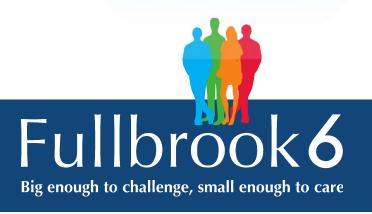
Assessment

External

- Paper 1: UK politics and core political ideas
- Paper 2: UK government and nationalism
- Paper 3: Comparative politics US and UK

All 2 hours

Focus on extended writing questions



Extra Resources

UK politics

- BBC: Inside the Lords
- BBC World Series
- □ BBC1: PMQ
- BBC 2: Daily Politics Show, Sunday Politics, Newsnight
- BBC Parliament
- www.yougov.co.uk (for up to the minute polls and data)
- http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/politicsandpolicy/
- https://www.psa.ac.uk/insight-plus
- Podcast: The Rest is Politics, Politics Weekly UK

US politics: Film and TV

- The West Wing (for a general understanding of US Politics)
- □ Knock down the house (Congress)
- All the President's Men (about the Watergate scandal)
- The Candidate (Congressional Elections)
- The Contender (elections)
- Frost/Nixon (Presidency)
- Freedom on my Mind (Civil rights)
- Inside Obama's Whitehouse
- https://www.whitehouse.gov/
- https://www.usa.gov/about-the-us
- Podcast: Politics Weekly America

Potential degree and apprenticeship routes

Degree Routes

BA or BSc

- Politics
- International relations
- Political Science
- Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE)

Apprenticeships

- Parliamentary academy scheme
- House of Commons apprenticeship
- House of Lords apprenticeship
- Civil Service apprenticeship
- Apprenticeships with some MPs



Complimentary subjects

- English
- History
- Law
- Economics
- Media
- □ Film

- Sociology
- Psychology
- Geography
- MFL
- Business Studies
- Maths



Career opportunities

- Local or national government
- Charity sector
- Journalism
- Civil Service
- Academia
- Legal sector
- Business sector
- Education
- Economist

