A LEVEL POLITICS

Are you interested in studying an ever-changing and engaging subject, relevant to real-world events? Studying A-level Politics will give you an enhanced understanding of the world around you and who shapes the structures and manifestations of power.

Level 3 · A Level (or equivalent) · Truro College

TOP COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

TOPICAL DYNAMIC CHALLENGING GLOBAL APPLICABLE

UNDERSTAND POLITICAL THEORIES

Understand different political philosophies and explore your own political view, and what you think about human nature, society, the economy, and the role of the state in your life and other people's lives. A constantly changing subject that will help you to understand what is going on behind the headlines both in the UK and globally.

SHARING AND HEARING VIEWS

Looking at topical issues from a range of viewpoints and sharing and debating those views with your classmates, some of whom you will agree with, and some that you will not. Develop an understanding of global events and outlooks: Human rights, climate change, nuclear weapons and conflict, war and peace and the politics of global pandemics.

GAIN A TRANSNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

Politics draws on a variety of disciplines in the social sciences and humanities. It helps students to understand abstract political concepts by grounding them in real world examples and case studies, and also invites comparison between such examples and case studies to ensure a transnational perspective.

WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE?

This course will begin with helping to provide an understanding of British politics and an introduction to the key ideologies in politics. In the second year, you will study global politics so examine the key concepts of the course and how they operate on the macro level between states and intergovernmental organisations. Politics is constantly changing, and you will be required to keep abreast of those changes; this makes politics a dynamic and interesting subject. This combined with the course content will enable you to reflect on your own political beliefs in a structured and rigorous way.

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Component 1: UK Politics and Core Political Ideas

1. Democracy and participatio
2. Political parties
3. Electoral systems
4. Voting Behaviour and the Media

There are three content areas in Core Political Ideas:

1. Liberalism

2. Conservatism
3. Socialism

Component 2: UK Government and Non-Core Political Ideas

1. The Constitutio
2. Parliament
3. Prime Minister and Executive
4. Relationships between the Branches

Non-Core Political Idea: Feminism **Component 3: Comparative Politics – Global Politics** There are six content areas:

1. The State and Globalizatio
2. Global Governance: Political and Economic
3. Global Governance: Human Rights and Environmental
4. Power and Developments
5. Regionalism and the European Unio
6. Comparative theories

WHERE WILL IT TAKE ME?

A qualification in Politics is highly valued by many universities and employers alike. The subject is also an excellent complement to many courses, such as History, Sociology, Law, Philosophy, Economics and English. Career opportunities include working for the civil service, local councils, legal firms, and armed forces. Other employers may welcome those with A-level Politics direct from College.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE Grade 6 or above in English Language/Literature or a Grade 6 in a Humanities subject. We have noticed that students who get a Grade 5 or above in Maths tend to do better on the course. Even more significant is a desire to inform yourself about political issues, as is a willingness to discuss, debate and examine current events in detail and also to be able to write quickly and concisely.

IMPORTANT

Course information can change. Please use the QR code below for the current assessment arrangements, entry requirements and start dates.