

# POLITICS

at SCGSG

## What will I study?

This is an ever-changing subject that permeates everyday life and will enable you to enter adulthood, enfranchisement and the next stage of your studies with a sound understanding of the political systems found in the UK and abroad.

You will cover a range of topics that will draw on your skills of debate, analysis and evaluation as you study the Government and Politics of the UK and USA and look to compare these political systems for parallels, connections and differences. You will be able punctuate your analytical answers with the performances of political personalities hitting our headlines daily!

Additionally, you will consider different political ideologies including; conservatism; liberalism; socialism; feminism.

A perfect way to explore your own political beliefs!

## Extra-curricular

We are looking into running trips to London to sit in the House of Commons and the House of Lords, whilst we also consider the feasibility of visiting Washington DC.

There may also be the opportunity to attend political conferences or invite political guest speakers into school.

SCGSG has also established a successful debating club who have shown a great enthusiasm for promoting Parliament Week in school – it would be fabulous if this could be run by our Year 12 Government and Politics students next year and a great experience for you to add to your UCAS applications!

## How will I be assessed?

<b>Paper 1 (33%)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Government and politics of the UK</li></ul> <i>(2 hour written exam)</i>	77 marks
<b>Paper 2 (33%)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Government and politics of the USA</li><li>Comparative politics</li></ul> <i>(2 hour written exam)</i>	77 marks
<b>Paper 3 (33%)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Political ideas</li></ul> <i>(2 hour written exam)</i>	77 marks

Each paper consists of a mixture of medium length 'explain' -style questions, extract-based essays and evaluative essays. You can see full details of the new specifications at: [aqa.org.uk/politics](https://aqa.org.uk/politics)



## The Future...

This is a popular subject for those who want to progress to studying Politics at university, or as part of a joint honours degree like History and Politics or Politics and Economics, which we have seen undertaken by former students. This subject will also provide a sound understanding of the UK legal system for those who want to study Law.

In terms of careers, this subject is well suited to local and governmental Politics in the UK or international politics; Law; journalism/media; teaching; business/management; policing to name but a few!

## Politics goes well with...

History; Economics; Sociology; RS/Philosophy; English; Media Studies; Geography. Or as a contrast to those studying STEM subjects.

It suits students who enjoy keeping up to date with the latest news developments, reading and those who have a strong command of written English.