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A Level Government and Politics.

What will I learn?

- Politics is about understanding power, people and ideas.
- There are 3 main components to the course:

1. UK Politics

- ✓ Political Participation
- ✓ Democracy
- ✓ Political parties
- ✓ Electoral systems
- ✓ Voting behaviour
- ✓ The media.

2. UK Government

- ✓ The constitution
- ✓ Powers of Parliament
- ✓ Powers of the Prime Minister and executive
- ✓ Relationships between the branches.

3. USA Politics

- ✓ The US Constitution and federalism
- ✓ US Congress
- ✓ US presidency
- ✓ US Supreme Court
- ✓ US civil rights
- ✓ US democracy and participation
- ✓ Comparative theories.

How will I be assessed?

Component 1: UK Politics (2 hour exam)

Section A: Political Participation

- One 30-mark source question from a choice of two questions
- One 30-mark essay question from a choice of two questions

Section B: Core Political Ideas

- One 24-mark essay question from a choice of two

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Component 2: UK Government (2 hour exam)

Section A: UK Government

- One 30-mark source question from a choice of two questions
- One 30-mark essay question from a choice of two questions

Section B: Non-core Political Ideas

- One 24-mark essay question from a choice of two

Component 3: USA Politics (2 hour exam)

Section A

- One 12-mark short response question from a choice of two

Section B

- One compulsory 12-mark short response question focused on comparative theories

Section C

- Two 30-mark essay questions from a choice of three

Is there anything else I need to know?

- ✓ Mr Crossley will teach the course.
- ✓ The exam board is Edexcel.
- ✓ We will visit and make a tour of the UK Parliament at Westminster on a day visit
- ✓ We could make a 5 day visit to Washington DC, which Mr Crossley has done in the past.

If you have an interest in the twists and turns of current affairs, Brexit, elections, the media, ideas, debating and power then this is a course you will really enjoy.

The best way to describe this course is a mix between history, media, psychology, sociology, statistics and English.

Future Opportunities?

Politics maybe something you wish to work in directly as someone who wants to change and improve the world!

Politics may be something you wish to work in indirectly; working in the media, journalism, working for political parties, working for companies that gauge public opinion.

Transferable skills are huge! Skills include understanding how the political system operates, communication, political theory, and international study - just to name a few. Politics students have a wide variety of career choices and will gain the understanding required to work in almost any industry. Politics influences every aspect of society because it informs industry and people about the world. It inspires students for years to come. Politics is about furthering society and protecting humanity.

Previous students have gone onto work in a huge variety of jobs, from working inside political parties to being Elton John's Personal Assistant!

See Mr Crossley for more information.

