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A Level Government & Politics

Course Title: A Level	LARS/QAN Code: 50026173
Level: Three	Awarding Organisation: Edexcel
Delivery: Classroom based	Start Date: 8/9/2020
Location: Headlands School	Url: http://www.headlandsschool.co.uk/
Cost: Covered by EFA funding	Duration: 2 years
Full-time or Part-time: Full-time	Attendance: Daytime
Who is the course for:	
Politics is about understanding power, people and ideas. 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.	
Entry requirements:	
Typical grades needed 5 x GCSE grade 5 and above.	
What you'll learn:	
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 you'll learn:	
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.	
How you'll be assessed:	
Component 1: UK Politics (2-hour exam) Section A: Political Participation Section B: Core Political Ideas Component 2: UK Government (2-hour exam) Section A: UK Government Section B: Non-core Political Ideas Component 3: USA Politics (2-hour exam) Section A One 12-mark sort response question, Section B One compulsory 12-mark short response question, Section C Two 30-mark essay questions	
Where next:	
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 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.	

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