

A Level Government and Politics



➤ Introduction

Politics at EGS will ensure you develop excellent skills of concision, communication and analysis- all vital to any profession where a critical mind is requisite.

You will be empowered as we expand your vocabulary and knowledge of both British and American Politics. You will be equipped with the ability to understand and be understood by many - to engage in intelligent and informed conversations and become a more engaged, informed and educated citizen ready and equipped to engage in the world .

➤ What will I learn?

Alongside the focus on US and UK political systems is a focus on 4 key ideologies underpinning political thought. This affords a very intellectually rewarding and empowering exploration of how we organise societies, the nature of humans and some of the deeper philosophical reasoning behind political actions, specifically: Liberalism; Socialism ; Conservatism and Feminism.

Paper 1: UK Politics

Key features of the UK Political system - how laws are made; what powers Parliament and the government have- the role and nature of parties and pressure groups- debates over our constitution and voting systems.

Paper 2: US & Comparative Politics

Key features of the US political system - how laws are made; what powers Congress and the President have- the role and nature of parties and pressure groups- debates over the constitution and elections

Paper 3: Ideologies

You will learn about the core ideas that shape politics - basically different ways of seeing human beings and how we are.

3 core ideologies will be studied:

Liberalism; Conservatism; and Socialism.

In year 13 you will learn about Feminism.

All the ideologies provide a great way to expand your thinking about the world - it also the paper pupils often get the top marks on!

➤ How will I be assessed?

Component	Type	Duration	Weight
Paper 1: The government and politics of the UK.	Exam	2hrs	33%
Paper 2: The government and politics of the USA, and comparative politics.	Exam	2hrs	33%
Paper 3: Political ideas.	Exam	2hrs	33%

Key Information:

3 external exam assessments - No coursework.

Assessment includes a mix of:

- Short-answer questions
- Source analysis
- Longer essay questions

➤ Opportunities

Model answers and notes to accompany all lessons.

Symbolic pictures/ideograms to help recall key information throughout the course.

➤ Other subjects?

Economics and History strongly complement this course - both in content cross over and skills .

➤ Future Careers

Politics is one of the most versatile and well respected courses- and opens the door to accessing top universities to study Politics, Political Science, International relations,, literature, law, and much more. Former EGS pupils have ended up working for the government, in PR and Law.

➤ Course Information

Course Code - 7152

Examination Board - AQA