



BOSTON HIGH SCHOOL SIXTH FORM

A mixed Sixth Form in a selective Grammar school for girls

GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

COURSE CONTENT

In Year 12 students study units on the Government and Politics of the UK. When studying the Government of the UK they examine the Constitution, Parliament, the Prime Minister, the Judiciary and Devolution. When looking into UK Politics, our students study democracy, electoral systems, political parties, pressure groups and the European Union.

Alongside UK Government and Politics, students will also investigate important political ideologies including Liberalism, Conservatism, Socialism and Feminism. They will learn about important political thinkers such as Karl Marx and will assess how far their ideas still influence political parties today.

In Year 13 students will complete a comparative study on the Government and Politics of the USA. Within this they will study the US Constitution, Congress, the Presidency, the Supreme Court, Political Parties, Pressure Groups and Civil Rights. Students will be expected to critically analyse and compare both the UK and US systems of government.

The AQA course has the following three units;

Unit 1: Government and Politics of the UK (33.3% of A Level).

Unit 2: Government and Politics of the USA and Comparative Politics (33.3% of A Level).

Unit 3: Political Ideas (33.3% of A Level).

PREPARATION FOR STUDYING THIS SUBJECT

- A keen knowledge of current affairs is essential for this subject.
- Watch TV news.
- Read a newspaper.
- Listen to political podcasts e.g. *BBC Newscast*, *Americast*, *Global News Podcast* or *The Rest is Politics*.
- Read *Politics Review* magazine.
- Read a political biography.

ASSESSMENT

3 x 2-hour examinations.

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

- Politics and International Relations.
- Journalism.
- History.
- Law.
- Sociology.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Full entry requirements can be found on our website. Please ensure you check these as some courses have subject specific requirements that must be met in addition to the general entry requirements to join our Sixth Form. A Level Politics is an essay-based subject that is assessed through extended written answers, so a high standard of literacy is essential.

QUALIFICATION: A Level

EXAM BOARD: AQA

COURSE LEADER: Mr Emerson



"I think politics is important. It's how we run our society."

"Everything is Politics"