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## POLITICS

Examination Board: **AQA**

Syllabus: **7152**

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### WHY STUDY POLITICS?

- *Lively, relevant, controversial.* There are many ways to describe A-level Politics.
- There's no denying that it's one of the most interesting and engaging qualifications you can choose; particularly in such a highly politically charged climate.
- Covering news and current affairs from the UK and US, it helps you understand how the UK country is run and develops research, written communication and debate skills. It also helps grow your confidence.

### THE A LEVEL PROGRAMME OF STUDY: How you will be assessed

Unit	Unit contents	Assessment and duration
Paper 1 – <b><i>The Government of the UK</i></b>	You will learn about how the role of Government in the UK has evolved. You will investigate the role of the Prime Minister, politicians and political parties. You will gain understanding of Devolution. You will also be able to explain who can participate in our democracy and how elections are called. Britain's relationship with the EU will be discussed.	33.3% Exam 1h20m
Paper 2- <b><i>Government Politics of the USA</i></b>	In this unit you will learn about the American system of government and you will know about the organisation of their political system; the President, Congress and Supreme Court. As well as being able to explain how the American electoral system works. You will then begin to analyse the differences between the UK and US system.	33.3% Exam 1h20m
Paper 3- <b><i>Political Ideas</i></b>	An in depth investigation into a range of political ideas; some include Feminism, Nationalism, Conservatism, Anarchism and Socialism to name a few. You will learn about the roots of these political ideas and key individuals associated with these ideologies.	33.3% Exam 1h20m

### HIGHER EDUCATION AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

It's ideal if you're considering studying politics, sociology, ethics, advertising or journalism at university and is highly regarded by employers in industries including politics, international organisations, the media, government and the civil service.

### SUBJECT SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A Grade 5 or higher is required in GCSE English.

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