

A-Level POLITICS



Opportunities

Politics A Level combines well with most other subjects and can equip students for a wide range of careers, the most obvious being: politics and law, journalism, teaching, and archaeological work. It also provides excellent training for management posts or for any position which involves evaluation of evidence and informed decision making.

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Keys to Political Success!

- A Level Politics would be ideal for any student who takes an interest in current affairs and the world around them.
- We welcome students who enjoy reading, debating, and who are keen to develop their own ideas.
- Develop communication, literacy, numeracy, teamwork and analytical skills.

Why study this course at Bellerive FCJ Sixth Form?

A Level Politics is an increasingly popular academic course. It is an excellent A Level to have and marries well with other humanities subjects. It gives students the opportunity to study a broad range of relevant and contemporary ideas, institutions, processes and issues to support learning about politics. Likewise, assessments will develop students' skills in critical thinking and analysis, using a variety of question types, sources and materials.

'If you do not take an interest in the affairs of your government, then you are doomed to live under the rule of fools.'

Plato.



What will I study?

A Level Politics comprises of 3 components:

Paper 1: UK Politics

1. Political Participation, students will study:

- democracy and participation, political parties, electoral systems, voting behaviour and the media.

2. Core Political Ideas, students will study:

- conservatism, liberalism, socialism.

Paper 2: UK Government

1. UK Government, students will study:

- the constitution, parliament, Prime Minister and executive, relationships between the branches.

2. Non-core political ideas, students will study:

- one idea from the following: anarchism, ecologism, feminism, multiculturalism, nationalism.

Paper 3: Comparative Politics

Students will study the US Constitution and federalism, US Congress, US presidency, US Supreme Court and civil rights, democracy and participation, comparative theories.

How will I be assessed?

Assessment at A Level will be three written examinations all 2 hours long and equal to 33% of the A Level each.

Requirements

Students opting to study A Level Politics require a minimum of 5 GCSE passes at Grade 5 or above. A grade 6 or above in GCSE History, Mathematics and English Language is preferable.

Students should possess a genuine interest in Politics and be prepared to participate in classroom discussions and debates, in addition to reading widely. It is essential to keep up to date with political current affairs in the UK and America.

What have previous students said about this subject?

"Studying politics for A-level provided me with knowledge and skills that I have been able to continue forward into my higher education studies. I studied History and Politics at the University of York, and my foundation in A-level Politics helped me immensely when it came to understanding key concepts and theories of political thought, as well as being able to express myself coherently in seminar discussions and in assessed work.

Politics is an ever-evolving discipline, changing and developing before our very eyes. This makes it such a unique subject to study as examples are always new, fresh, and exciting. Politics at Bellerive was always a lesson that my fellow students and I looked forward to attending, the lessons were fun, the content engaging, and the rewards were bountiful."

