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What will I study?

Year 1

Never has there been a more interesting time to study this subject! The course encourages students to develop a critical awareness of the nature of Government and Politics and to demonstrate rights and responsibilities within society. This will be done through reading, critical reflection of contemporary situations and lots of informed discussion. Students study two modules during their first year:

Contemporary Politics of the UK

This unit looks at the development of democracy, political parties, party systems and pressure groups in the UK as well as electoral systems, parliamentary elections, voting behaviour and party ideology.

Contemporary Government of the UK

This unit explores the composition, role and power of the legislative and executive branches of government in the UK as well as the judiciary, constitution, rights of the individual and the EU.

Year 2

The unit studied in the second year gives students a chance to extend their knowledge and understanding beyond the context of the political system of the UK. Student's learn about the Political systems in place in the USA and compare with that of the UK.

Areas covered: -

- Government and Politics in the USA
- the rights and responsibilities of the individual
- ideologies, theories and traditions

Assessment

Year 2: Three 2-hour examinations

Career Opportunities

This course equips students for a number of career areas as it develops many sought after skills. These include effective communication skills and debating and presenting research.

The course also develops a breadth of critical thinking which enhances personal development and an awareness of global issues.

Some students in the past have gone to a range of universities to continue their studies in Politics, International Relations and Political Science, including Manchester, Royal Holloway and Warwick university.

One former students has also gone on to start their career in Politics on the local council.

Entry Requirements

Five Level 4 GCSEs are required for entry into 6th Form.

Level 5 pass is required in your chosen, or related, subject.

Some subjects require Level 6; decisions will be based on individual students.

Hours of study (fortnightly)

9 hours of lesson time
 6 hours independent learning



Studying this course also includes a visit to the Houses of Parliament in Westminster!