

Course Title: A Level Politics	LARS/QAN Code: 603/1223/3
Level: Three	Awarding Organisation: AQA
Delivery: Classroom based	Start Date: September
Location: Headlands School	Url: http://www.headlandsschool.co.uk/
Cost: Covered by EFA funding	Duration: 2 years
Full-time or Part-time: Full-time	Attendance: Daytime

Who is the course for?

This course is for anyone who is interested in the world around them and wants to find out more about it. Choosing Politics for A-level opens a gateway to understanding the complexities of the world around you. In Year 12, this subject cultivates critical thinking, fostering skills vital for informed citizenship. Unravel the intricacies of government structures, delve into political ideologies, and analyze global issues. A-level Politics isn't just about memorizing dates; it's about shaping perspectives, honing debate skills, and navigating the dynamic landscape of international relations. Equip yourself with the tools to comprehend today's headlines and actively participate in shaping tomorrow's policies. Whether aspiring to lead, influence, or simply comprehend the world, Politics at A-level is an intellectually enriching choice with far-reaching implications.

Entry requirements:

Standard entry requirement for A Level programme, including a grade 5 in English and / or History.

What you'll learn:

Politics is about understanding power, people and ideas.

There are 3 main components to the course:

1. UK Politics

- Political Participation
- Democracy
- Political parties
- Electoral systems
- Voting behaviour
- The media.

2. UK Government

- The constitution
- Powers of Parliament
- Powers of the Prime Minister and executive
- Relationships between the branches.

3. USA Politics

- The US Constitution and federalism
- US Congress
- US presidency
- US Supreme Court
- US civil rights
- US democracy and participation

How you'll learn:

You'll learn through high quality teaching in the classroom which will be delivered in small chunks, which allow you to think deeply and apply all new knowledge so that it is fully secure. We also place a large emphasis on coaching you gradually to produce high quality essays. You will also learn through guided self-study which is designed to broaden your knowledge of political history and of current domestic and international affairs.

How you'll be assessed:**Component 1: UK Politics (2 hour exam)*****Section A: Political Participation***

- One 30-mark source question from a choice of two questions
- One 30-mark essay question from a choice of two questions

Section B: Core Political Ideas

- One 24-mark essay question from a choice of two

Component 2: UK Government (2 hour exam)***Section A: UK Government***

- One 30-mark source question from a choice of two questions
- One 30-mark essay question from a choice of two questions

Section B: Non-core Political Ideas

- One 24-mark essay question from a choice of two

Component 3: USA Politics (2 hour exam)***Section A***

- One 12-mark sort response question from a choice of two

Section B

- One compulsory 12-mark short response question focused on comparative theories

Section C

- Two 30-mark essay questions from a choice of three

Where next:

Politics maybe something you wish to work in directly as someone who wants to change and improve the world!

Politics may be something you wish to work in indirectly; working in the media, journalism, working for political parties, working for companies that gauge public opinion.

Transferable skills are huge! Skills include understanding how the political system operates, communication, the ability to question opinions with evidence, political theory, and international study - just to name a few. Politics students have a wide variety of career choices and will gain the understanding required to work in almost any industry. Politics influences every aspect of society because it informs industry and people about the world. It inspires students for years to come. Politics is about furthering society and protecting humanity.