

## GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS (Edexcel: A-level 9PLO)

### Have you ever thought about any of the following issues?

How does the political system of the United Kingdom actually work?

What are the rights and responsibilities of the individual in a democracy?

What is the relationship between political ideas, institutions, parties, and processes?

### What would a course in Government and Politics offer me?

The syllabus has been designed to provide students with a balanced education in politics. In summary, both the British and American political systems will be considered, together with core political ideas and ideologies.

### How will the subject be taught?

The department will aim to exploit its experience of teaching this subject by employing a wide variety of methods both within and beyond the classroom. In addition to regular lessons, it will be possible for students to participate in a range of excursions to sites of political interest and attend revision workshops in central London.

### What aspects of Government and Politics will be studied in the Lower Sixth?

The A-Level syllabus begins by introducing students to the study of politics in the United Kingdom. It goes on to examine the way in which the United Kingdom is governed as well as exploring the changing nature of the political system within the context of the European Union. There is a strong emphasis on contemporary politics and the study of current areas of constitutional concern. In the Lower Sixth year there will also be a percentage of the course dedicated to ideologies. Broadly, the focus on the UK political system will account for 50% of the final paper and the focus on ideologies will account for 20% of the final paper.

### What aspects of Government and Politics will be studied in the Upper Sixth?

With the knowledge built up in the Lower Sixth, the course then moves onto the study of contemporary American politics and core political ideas. This section will account for 30% of the final mark. Time in the Upper Sixth will also be dedicated to developing strong examination techniques of evaluation and analysis.



#### WHERE NEXT?

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