



Examination Board: Edexcel

Politics is a new A-Level being introduced to Edgbaston High School in September 2021. The qualification has been designed so that it reflects the demands of a truly modern and evolving political environment in the UK and around the world, and Politics students will gain a detailed insight into the political systems, beliefs, and ideologies that are central to understanding the world we live in today. Politics is a fascinating subject for those with enquiring minds and who enjoy the buzz of political debate. The A-Level will allow students who already have an active interest in Politics to broaden their understanding and study a subject that has real relevance in today's society.

The Edexcel Politics A-Level

This programme comprises three components:

1. Component 1: UK Politics and Core Political Ideas
2. Component 2: UK Government and Non-Core Political Ideas
3. Component 3: Government and Politics of the USA

Students are expected to take an active interest in current affairs and daily news, and to participate in an extra-curricular political activity such as Debating, Model UN, or assisting with Political assemblies and mock elections. Students are also encouraged to extend their understanding of Politics beyond the demands of the A-Level syllabus by attending university lectures and workshops on relevant topics and they are encouraged to enter Sixth Form essay competitions run by Oxbridge Colleges.

Entry Requirements:

Students do not need to have studied Politics at GCSE in order to take it at A-Level. However, it is an intellectually demanding course and therefore we expect students to have gained a 7 or above in their English Language and Literature GCSEs. Another key requirement is that prospective students possess an active interest in Politics both inside and outside of the classroom. It is an expectation that Politics students keep up to date with current affairs by reading the news daily.