



St Margaret Ward
Catholic Academy
Sixth Form

GOVERNMENT & POLITICS

A LEVEL

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GOVERNMENT

What is the level of course I will take?

A Level Government & Politics with Edexcel

What level of GCSEs do I need to take this course?

Minimum of 5 x GCSE grade 5

How will I be assessed?

This qualification consists of 3 exams.

Paper 1 on UK Politics (political participation and core political ideas) is worth 33%.

Paper 2 on UK Government (UK Government and non-core political ideas) is worth 33%.

Paper 3 on Comparative Politics (Global) is worth 33%.



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Course Content

Unit 1 - People and politics ... nature of democracy/ key themes/ debates, political parties/ pressure groups/ ideologies

Unit 2 - Governing the UK... Parliament, executive legislative branches of government, powers of the Prime Minister, Cabinet and opposition and the role of the judiciary (courts).

Unit 3 - Key themes in political analysis

Economic policy, social welfare, health and education, law and order; criminal justice, environmental policy, ideologies (Conservatism, Liberalism, Socialism, Anarchism), extended themes in political analysis,
Global politics (sovereignty, interdependence, supranationalism)

Unit 4 - Global politics

Theories of global politics, the state and globalisation

How will the course help me after Sixth Form?

Many students who have taken the A Level in Government and Politics go on to study Politics at university. From there you might become a researcher, join local or national government or even start on the path to become a future Prime Minister! But there are other job options too. If you fancy a career in journalism, research, the civil service or law then this course is for you. Politics also fits nicely with subjects such as Geography, History, sociology, English and many others. Politics will give you the confidence and knowledge to hold your own at university.



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