

A LEVEL

# POLITICS

## Course Summary



Bishop Challoner  
Catholic School

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:** Grade 6 in GCSE English Language

### COURSE OVERVIEW

Edexcel A-level Politics explores UK politics (democracy, political participation, parties, elections), UK government (constitution, parliament, executive, judiciary), and key political ideologies (liberalism, conservatism, socialism, feminism). It develops critical thinking and analysis, preparing students for higher education.

### WHY SHOULD I STUDY POLITICS?

Studying Politics helps you develop critical thinking, debate skills, and an understanding of how society manages differing opinions. It encourages the analysis of current affairs and the ability to discuss complex issues. If you enjoy engaging in discussions and exploring different perspectives, Politics is for you.

### WHAT COURSES CAN THIS PREPARE ME FOR AT UNIVERSITY?

An A-Level in Politics prepares you for university courses such as Politics, International Relations, Law, Public Policy, and Sociology, offering a foundation for social science and humanities degrees.

### WHAT CAREERS CAN THIS SUBJECT SET ME UP FOR?

An A-Level in Politics can lead to careers in government, law, journalism, public relations, and international organisations. Roles include political analyst, policy advisor, civil servant, journalist, and diplomat.

### COURSE SPECIFICATION

**EXAM BOARD: EDEXCEL**

Paper	Content	Duration	Weighting
1	UK Politics - 84 marks	120 mins	33.3%
2	UK Government - 84 marks	120 mins	33.3%
3	Comparative Politics - 84 marks	120 mins	33.3%