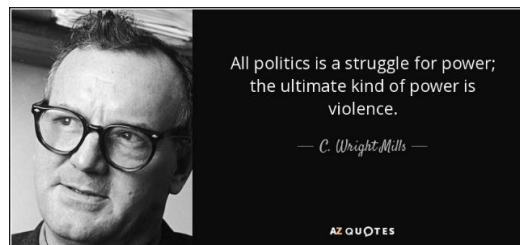


## A Level Politics– Subject Information Sheet



### Why choose A Level Politics?

Politics is all about how society manages differing opinions. It's as much about compromise and concession as it is about strength of conviction. It impacts at every level of daily life, irrespective of your chosen career path or skill base. If you believe keeping up to date with the latest political and social news is a fundamental part of your day, if you enjoy discussion and accept that there are no right or wrong answers, then Politics is the subject for you.

In the first year students visit Parliament and take part in an election workshop to extend knowledge and understanding further. Students that study politics tend to go into a wide range of degree courses including; Politics and International Relations, Law, Marketing and History. Other A-Levels that complement Politics include; History, Sociology, Economics and Philosophy.

### What other subjects would work well with A Level Politics?

- Psychology
- Sociology
- English Literature
- Philosophy and Ethics

### Description of the course (including a short breakdown of topics for each paper)

#### Component 1

UK Politics and Core Political Ideas - This introduces students to the key channels of communication between the government and the people as well as key political ideologies. Key topic areas include; democracy and participation, electoral systems, political parties, voting behaviour and the media, conservatism, liberalism and socialism

#### Component 2

UK government and Non-core ideologies - Students will analyse the major governmental processes / institutions and develop a critical understanding of their roles and examine an additional political ideology. Key topic areas include; the constitution, parliament, prime minister and executive and feminism.

#### Component 3

Comparative politics - This unit examines global governance and issues. Key topic areas include; sovereignty and globalisation, global governance – political and economic, global governance – human rights and environment, power and development, regionalism, the European Union, comparative theories – realism and liberalism.

### Educational Progression and Career Opportunities.

What possible careers or degree subjects would A Level (subject) be useful for?

- Education (teaching/lecturer)
- Government and local government
- Public Relations
- Social researcher
- Law
- Marketing

**Want to find out more? Here are some useful websites and resources to use.**

[Politics | tutor2u](#)

<https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/politics-2017.html>