Wyggeston & Queen Elizabeth I College

Politics

Get ready for a successful start!

What will I study?	Unit 1- UK Politics Democracy and participation, political parties, electoral systems, voting behaviour and the media. Core Political Ideas: liberalism, conservatism and socialism Unit 2 – UK Government The UK Constitution, parliament, Prime Minister and executive, relations between institutions One of the following Non-Core Political Ideas: nationalism, feminism, anarchism, ecologism or multiculturalism. Unit 3 – Comparative Politics (USA) The US Constitution, congress, US presidency, Supreme Court and civil rights, democracy and participation, and comparative approaches (comparing the UK with the US political system)
Who teaches this course?	
What resources or equipment will I need?	
Reading List	**Course Textbook:** Pearsons 'A Level Politics' textbook by Graham D. Goodlad. Political magazines (***Politics Review***, the ***Economist***, etc.) **Follow the news** – there are several new apps you can download such as 'UK Politics', but we also recommend the BBC News app.
How can I extend my learning?	• **Watch:** BBC Parliament • Daily Politics • The Politics Show • Question Time • Andrew Marr Show • The Westminster Hour • Beyond Westminster • The Week in Westminster

	• **Listen:** https://www.stitcher.com/podcast/alevel-politics-podcast https://www.audible.co.uk/podcast/The-Rest-Is-Politics/B08JK176VR https://www.learnoutloud.com/category_podcast.php?cat=0&catid=26&level=0&id=26& https://www.theguardian.com/tv-and-radio/2018/jun/17/political-podcasts-10-of-the-best • **Read:** Politics Review. Published by Philip Allan. www.philipallan.co.uk Total Politics. www.magazine-group.co.uk First Past the Post (digital magazine). www.tutor2u.net The New Statesman. www.newstatesman.com The Spectator. www.the-spectator-magazine.co.uk Standpoint. www.standpointmag.uk The Economist. www.economist.com Global Politics. www.global-politics.co.uk Prospect http://www.prospectmagazine.co.uk/ This Week http://www.theweek.co.uk/

Taster Activity: To be completed and brought to your first lesson

Resources needed to complete the activity:	• Laptop (or pen and paper) • Internet
Estimated time to complete the activity:	2 hours
Taster Activity:	1. What is Politics? Can you explain it? 2. Politics is, above all, a social activity. It is always a dialogue, and never a monologue! • What are the current disagreements in UK politics today? 3. Make a list of as many different ways we as citizens can take part in politics.

	4. In the course, you will need to be able to look at **both sides** of an argument. Making points and backing them up with evidence and examples. • Look at the question below and construct arguments for and against. • Back them up with specific examples. • Make a judgment on which side of the argument is stronger. DOES THE UK PRIME MINSTER HAVE TOO MUCH POWER?