



Archbishop Tenison's

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

SIXTH FORM



POLITICS

A Level Course Overview

We follow the Edexcel Specification at A Level. The course is made up of the following four modules:

UK Politics

- Democracy and participation
- Political parties, elections & voting systems
- The media's role in shaping public opinion

Explore how democracy works in the UK, including political participation, parties, elections and voting systems, as well as the media's influence on political debate and public opinion.

UK Government

- The Constitution and branches of government
- The Prime Minister, Cabinet, and Parliament
- The role of the judiciary

Examine how the UK is governed, including the Constitution, Parliament, the Prime Minister and Cabinet, and the role of the judiciary within the political system.

Political Ideas

- Core ideologies: Conservatism, Liberalism, Socialism
- An optional idea such as Feminism, Nationalism, or Ecologism

Explore the key principles and debates within major political ideologies, considering how different thinkers and ideas have shaped political beliefs and society.

Comparative Politics: The USA

- U.S. Congress, Presidency & Supreme Court
- Civil rights and democracy in action
- Comparison with the UK system

Explore the US political system and its key institutions, while examining civil rights and democracy and comparing the American and British political systems.



What's great about Politics at Tenison's Sixth Form?

- Politics offers students the opportunity to explore the ideas, institutions and debates that shape the world in which we live. It is a subject that encourages curiosity about current affairs and challenges students to question how power is exercised, how decisions are made and whose interests are represented.
- Politics A Level to give students a broad understanding of both UK and international politics. Students will explore how the British political system operates, examine the ideas that have shaped political thought and consider how the American system compares with our own. The course also provides opportunities to engage with contemporary political issues and to consider different perspectives on some of the most important questions facing society today.
- Throughout the course, students will be encouraged to form their own informed views while engaging thoughtfully with a range of political arguments and viewpoints. Questions such as 'How democratic is the UK?', 'Who holds power in Britain?' and 'How does the US political system compare with our own?' provide opportunities to debate, challenge assumptions and develop a deeper understanding of Politics.



Opportunities and Successes

What events can you expect to attend?

- There are many valuable opportunities for students to extend their knowledge of Politics beyond the classroom. Students will be encouraged to keep up to date with current political issues and engage with a variety of news sources and media to broaden their understanding. There will also be opportunities to visit the Houses of Parliament and other sites of interest, allowing students to deepen their understanding of the political world and see the subject in action.

What career opportunities could studying Politics lead to?

- Politics provides an excellent foundation for many careers including law, journalism, public relations, the civil service, teaching, business and the media. Studying Politics can also be particularly useful for careers involving public policy, government and international relations, while developing transferable skills that can support a successful career in a wide range of fields.

What Employability skills does Politics develop and nurture?

- A Level Politics is an excellent course for developing a wide range of skills that can be applied in both higher education and the workplace. Students will learn how to evaluate different viewpoints, interpret political information and communicate their ideas clearly and effectively. The course encourages students to engage with current affairs, question assumptions and consider different perspectives, while developing the ability to construct well-supported arguments and make informed judgements – skills that will be valuable throughout further study and future employment.