



St George's School
Aim Higher

Sixth Form Options

Politics
AQA



Politics

at St. George's

“The most exciting Politics department in the country”

Dr Meg Russell- Director of the UCL Constitution Unit

“St. George's Politics events are a flagship for how school events should be run”

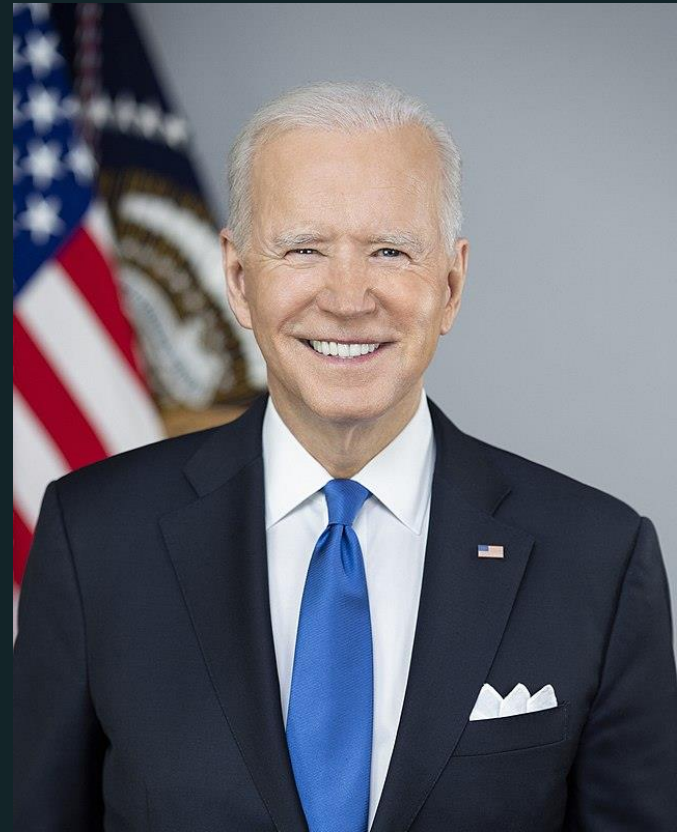
Michael Crick- Legendary broadcaster and founding member of Channel 4 News

A busy year for politics...

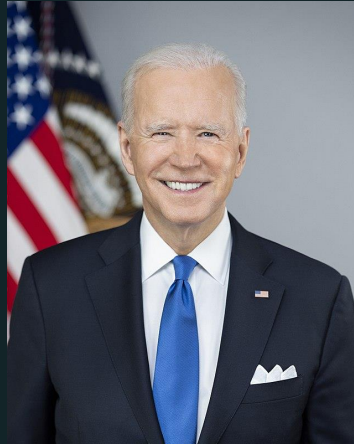


2024

A busy year for politics...



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Why choose politics?

Class of 2023

“I wanted to study politics at A-Level to learn about the world around me. When I begun the course, I realised that there was so much more to politics than current affairs, and found myself becoming immersed in the subject.” - Phoebe

Class of 2023

“I chose politics A-Level with much apprehension, unsure as to whether I would be well suited for the subject (which I knew little about). Then, my politics lessons swiftly became something I would look forward to.” - Ruby - History & Politics (Oxford)

Class of 2023

“The opportunities you get from St George’s politics department are unmatched!” - Katie

Class of 2023

“My experience of Politics at St George’s was nothing short of amazing. The teachers would continuously show us the fun within politics, not being limited by the curriculum, while also teaching us a subject in great detail and precision.” -Leke

Class of 2023

“There is not a more topical and up to date subject than Politics A Level.” - Millie

Class of 2023

“Politics has given me a lens in which I can see the world in ways I never thought I could and inspired me to take such a fab subject at university.”- Poppy

2023/2024 Highlights

- St George's Question Time
- Year 12 vs Year 13 Debate
- USA Trip
- House of Commons/Supreme Court visit
- Fortnightly Have I Got News For You quiz



Coming up for '25-'26



What is politics?

- The study of **POWER**
- What power is...
- How you get it!
- Who has it...
- Who should have it...



Who teaches politics?



Mr. Ellis



Mr. Buckley



Mrs. Sabato

Entry requirements

To study politics, you need the standard St. George's sixth form entry requirements and a grade 6 in:

- History, or
- English Literature, or
- English Language

What subjects does it go with?

- **Any! Politics provides you with a worldview and set of skills of analysis, interpretation, evaluation and argumentation that will help you in any subject, even maths- or art-based subjects.**
- **That being said, there is some course overlap between Politics and History, RE, and Economics.**
- **We are seeing an increasing trend in universities/employers liking the combination of Politics with Maths and STEM subjects.**

What do we study?



The subject

01

Paper 1
*Government and
Politics of the UK*

02

Paper 2
*Government and
Politics of the USA
& Comparative
Politics*

03

Paper 3
Political Ideas

The format

3 written exams, containing:

- **Short 9 mark questions testing knowledge and analysis**
- **1 extract question and 1 essay question, both testing knowledge, analysis, and evaluation.**

Aims of the course

Develop an awareness of the changing nature of politics

Develop knowledge of key institutions and processes

Understand responsibilities of individuals and groups

Develop skills of critical analysis, interpretation and argumentation

Develop an interest in, and engagement with, contemporary politics



2024 results

**A*:
21%**

**A*-A:
56%**

**A*-B:
74%**

**A*-C:
91%**

Did you know...

That 80% of 2023's Oxbridge entrants from St. George's took Politics A-Level?

What sort of work is involved?



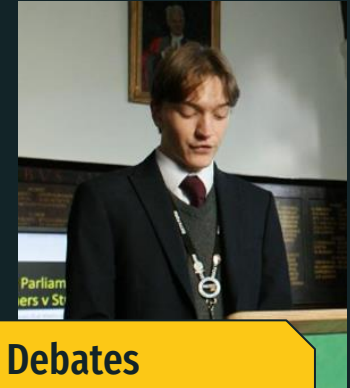
Discussions



News quizzes



Research



Debates



Presentations



Active learning



Reading



Essay writing

Reasons to study Politics

- One of the fastest growing A Levels.
- Oxbridge/Russell Group universities love it.
- Great trips/outside talks.
- Opportunity to debate.
- Your friends who don't study Politics will constantly be asking for your advice.
- A chance to understand the past and present and engage in real live events.
- Versatile subject that you can combine with any A Level combination.

Reasons to study Politics

Dr Guest (Professor Emeritus of Legal Philosophy, UCL):

- **“Politics prepares students for undergraduate studies and the real world more than any other A-level.”**
- **“It is a live subject which means that students develop beyond textbook learning and develop skills involving the world around them”**
- **“We know a high achieving Politics A-level student will have the skillset to deal with any challenge that they have to deal with academically or vocationally.”**

Any questions for the students?



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