

Subject on a Page: Politics



In a nutshell:

Politics is the process by which groups of people make decisions, often related to governance, power, and public affairs. It involves the creation, implementation, and interpretation of laws and policies that affect a society.

In Politics we:

1. Discuss issues in the news, especially current affairs
2. Explore the ways in which citizens participate in politics
3. Examine how political systems work in countries like the UK and USA
4. Study a range of political philosophies

Think like a politics student :

- We recognise that politics affects every aspect of our lives.
- We understand that a healthy democracy requires widespread and continuous political participation.
- We acknowledge the diversity of political views but recognise that all should be subject to scrutiny.

Write and talk like a politics student:

- Democracy
- Parliament
- Constitution
- Psephology
- Ideologies
- International Relations

Read like a politics student :

We recommend the following three textbooks, aimed at A Level Politics students (who follow AQA):

1. "Politics UK Politics" – My Revision Notes
2. "Politics: Political Ideas" – My Revision Notes
3. "Politics US and Comparative Politics" – My Revision Notes

Revise like a politics student :

- Self test using your knowledge organisers.
- Produce high quality revision materials: flashcards and mind maps are very useful in Politics.
- Re-do past exam questions and give these to your teacher for re-marking.

Experience it like a politics student :

- Watch the news daily!
- Watch key political events such as Prime Minister's Questions (every Wednesday at noon)
- Read articles on-line, listen to politics podcasts, read quality newspapers etc.

Progress to a career in politics:

- Civil service
- Law
- Local or national government
- Diplomatic corps
- Journalism
- Human rights advocate
- Political scientist
- Lobbying / PR