



KIRKHAM
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

GOVERNMENT & POLITICS

WHAT IS IT?

It is the study of **POWER**: the people, organisations, events and ideas that shape our lives in Britain and the USA today.

WHAT TOPICS DO WE STUDY?

In the Lower Sixth we try to answer such questions as:

- What factors influence the way people vote?
- Is our voting system fair?
- Can we really trust our politicians?
- What exactly do the main parties believe?

In the Upper Sixth we study the USA:

- Why did Donald Trump win the 2016 election?
- Why can't Donald Trump do everything he wants?
- Why are Americans still allowed to carry guns?

WHO CAN STUDY POLITICS?

ANYONE, as long as you:

- are **INTERESTED** in current affairs
- enjoy **ARGUING** with your fellow students and teacher
- can **COMMUNICATE** your ideas on paper

WHAT IS IT USEFUL FOR?

Previous students have gone on to study a variety of degrees at top universities, including PPE at Oxford, Law at Nottingham, History & Politics at Durham, Politics at Leeds, and Economics at Manchester.

WHAT OTHER SUBJECTS DOES IT GO WITH?

Traditionally it has appealed to students taking other Arts and Social Sciences such as History, English, Economics, Psychology, Geography, Religious Studies and Modern Languages.

It would also make an ideal third subject for anyone. Universities are keen on students with a broad combination of subjects. Politics shows them that you can communicate effectively and that you are interested in the events of the world around you.

The course we currently follow is the Edexcel Government and Politics specification.