

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Politics

**Question:** What are some of the key topics I would cover?

**Answer:**

In your first year, you will be studying UK Politics, in 2 different areas. With one teacher you will be studying how people get involved in the political process by studying topics such as democracy, pressure groups, political parties and elections. With your other teacher you will be studying how the UK is governed by looking at topics such as the UK constitution, Parliament and the Prime Minister. In your second year, you will study US Politics including how America elects its president, the US Congress & President, and the US Supreme court including how rights are protected in the US. You will also study the core political ideologies of liberalism, conservatism and socialism and will also learn about feminism and the quest for sexual equality today.

**Question:** What is the learning style like within this subject?

**Answer:**

In Politics there is a combination of teacher-led activities, groupwork and team projects and also discussion and debate. We expect our students to complete written tasks in each lesson and also to prepare for each lesson by completing preparatory planned study tasks at home.

**Question:** How will I be assessed?

**Answer:**

You will take part in regular in-class assessments every 6-8 weeks after studying each individual topic which do not count toward your final grade but will indicate your progress in Politics. You will also sit a transfer exam (again which doesn't count towards your final grade) at the end of the first year which will assess all the material learnt on UK Politics and will be used for predicting likely grades. Finally, at the end of your second year of study, you will sit 3 written exams, each of 2 hours in duration which together will be used to decide your final grade.

**Question:** What support can I access if I am struggling?

**Answer:**

We offer student workshops and action plans for students who need more support. Teaching staff are also happy to provide detailed guidance for improvement on exam technique or further support for struggling students.

**Question:** Are there any subject specific entry requirements?

**Answer:** Yes, please refer to the prospectus [here](#) for general and subject specific entry requirements

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**Question:** Are there normally any trips that I can go on?

**Answer:**

Yes, we run a first-year trip for all students to the Houses of Parliament, and we also offer a second-year trip to Washington DC. We also attend the Westminster Politics conference where a host of Politicians give speeches & take questions from students. Previous speakers at this conference have included Jacob Rees-Mogg, Nigel Farage, Shami Chakrabarti and John Bercow. We also organise student tickets for revision conferences run by our exam board (Pearson Edexcel)

**Question:** What do students who have studied this area normally do after Collyer's?

**Answer:**

Politics is a highly respected A-level with a reputation for quality amongst Universities and employers and is particularly useful for careers in journalism, the civil service, entering the legal profession, working in business or entering Politics itself.