

# GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

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## AN INTRODUCTION TO THE SUBJECT

One of Walthamstow Hall's chief aims is for students to lead purposeful lives. We believe that a good grounding in how government works and the different interests involved goes a long way in overcoming the confusion many young people have regarding politics so they can achieve this aim. We want our students to be the next generation of informed, civically engaged women who actively participate in the democratic system so they can make a difference. Studying Government and Politics is a great first step.

### A LEVEL

We study the Edexcel A Level Government and Politics course in the Sixth Form. The Year 12 course focuses on contemporary British politics, dealing with such issues as the role of the judiciary and prime minister. We also study Liberalism, Conservatism, Socialism and Feminism in depth. The Year 13 syllabus concentrates on American politics, providing a comparative perspective on the issues students have first encountered in Year 12, such as the role of Congress or political parties in a presidential system.



### CO-CURRICULAR

- Sixth Form Debating Society
- Sixth Form Model United Nations
- UK Youth Parliament and Kent Youth Council elections
- Visit to Parliament and the Supreme Court
- Lecture days in London



### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Politics is a broad subject that supports a range of careers. It is also essential knowledge and understanding for all UK citizens. The skills students learn through the study of Politics are prized by most professions and easily transferable. It is also future-proofed. According to the World Economic Forum, the number of careers that need 'human' skills like analytical thinking, effective communication and leadership are growing. The study of Politics provides students with the knowledge and skills to pursue careers in the future, no matter what direction technology, global trade, and politics might take them.

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Our students have gone on to intern at the Foreign Office and The Times, to work at the House of Lords and Sevenoaks Council, and with several political parties and international charity and human rights organisations.

More specific career paths include: Law, Publishing and Media, Economics and Finance, Business, Politics and International Relations, Marketing and Advertising, Sociology, Psychology, Data Science and Analytics, Government Social Research officer, the Civil Service, Human Rights and charity work.

Studying Politics at university has been an increasingly popular choice, illustrated by our Sixth Form leavers in 2019 alone choosing to study the following courses: Politics, Politics and International Development, Politics and International Relations, Philosophy and Politics, and Politics with Business Management.

### A LEVEL RESULTS 2019

GRADE	A	B	A - B
Government & Politics	89%	11%	100%

