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SPRINGBOARD



A-Level Politics

OUR COURSE DETAILS

Studying Politics at A Level helps to develop knowledge and understanding of the role politics plays in relation to current local, national, and global issues, as well as understanding the influence of key thinkers and political ideas. A wide range of topics looking at political processes, institutions, concepts, ideas and relationships develop a broad and deep understanding of how culture, structures and behaviour influence – and are influenced by – the political systems in which all of us operate



PREPARING FOR STUDY

You will probably never have studied Politics as an academic course; but that doesn't mean you have never studied it! If you watch or read news regularly you are already a Politics student. Read editorials and analysis of Political decisions and explore some of the websites and podcasts below to find out which work well for you.



EMPLOYABILITY

Jobs directly linked to Politics:

- Civil Service Fast Streamer
- Government Researcher
- Policy officer
- Political analyst
- Politician's assistant
- Public affairs consultant
- Public relations executive
- Social researcher
- Local government officer
- Diplomatic service officer
- Forensic accountant
- Human resources officer
- Market researcher
- Marketing executive
- Newspaper journalist
- Public relations officer
- Stockbroker
- Business manager
- Charity officer
- Detective



FILMS

- Darkest Hour
- The Post
- I, Daniel Blake
- Lincoln
- The Iron Lady
- In the Loop

UNIVERSITY COURSES

There is a huge range of Politics and International Relations courses either as Single or Joint Hons (such as Politics and Spanish at Bristol) to choose from. The top-ranking universities for Politics courses are:

- St Andrews
- Oxford
- Warwick
- Cambridge
- London School of Economics
- University College London
- Durham
- Bath
- Sheffield
- SOAS
- Kent
- Nottingham

PEOPLE TO RESEARCH

- Boris Johnson!
- Kier Starmer
- Joe Biden
- Nancy Pelosi

OUR TOP READS

- The Origins of Totalitarianism, Hannah Arendt (1951)
- Who Runs This Place? The Anatomy of Britain in the 21st Century, Anthony Sampson (2005)
- Why Nations Fail, Daron Acemoglu & James A. Robinson (2012)
- Prisoners of Geography, Tim Marsh (2016)

LINKS TO THE SPECIFICATIONS

www.qualifications.pearson.com

USEFUL ONLINE LINKS

- <https://twitter.com/Bilbopolitics> - follow this!

Websites:

- www.parliament.uk
- www.politicshome.com
- <https://www.theyworkforyou.com/mps/>
- www.bbc.co.uk/news/
- <https://www.theguardian.com/politics>
- <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/>
- <https://www.tutor2u.net>

Podcasts:

- <http://alevelpolitics.com/category/multimedia/audio/>
- <https://play.acast.com/s/reasonstobecheerful>
- <https://unherd.com/podcasts-and-video/>
- <https://soundcloud.com/thepoliticalparty>

