

Course teachers

- Year 12: Miss R Blowers & Mr M Larkin
- Year 13: Miss R Blowers & Mrs A Root

Exam board: AQA (<https://www.aqa.org.uk>)

Assessment Scheme

The course is assessed through two examinations at the end of Year 13:

- Paper 1: 2 hours 30 minutes. The Tudors: England, 1485-1603 (40%)
- Paper 2: 2 hours 30 minutes. The American Dream: Reality and Illusion, 1945-1980 (40%)

Within each paper you will complete a source question based on three different sources (30 marks) and two content questions (25 marks each).

Historical investigation as coursework (NEA) will be completed during Year 13. (20%)

Course expectations

- Complete a minimum of 5 hours independent study per week (see middle pages)
- Attend the timetabled after school study sessions.
- Be resilient. Make the effort that is required to be successful.
- Ask for help. Find your teachers outside lessons.
- Follow our advice... we know what it takes for you to succeed!

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Sixth Form

Start of Course Information

Government & Politics *Advanced-Level*

A-Level Politics is a challenging course. It is a highly academic course, with high expectations. You must be prepared to work exceptionally hard from the start of the course if you want to successfully understand how Politics shapes our world.

Politics is also a very rewarding course. Politics enables students to argue their opinions, problem solve, communicate effectively, research and analyse the nature of how we live.

Politics is a highly respected A-Level which supports students in a number of career options, for example; academia, law, history, politics, economics and teaching.

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Review the week's class notes

- Read through your notes and highlight them
- Rewrite notes from memory and then check
- Learn key dates
- Summarise notes into revision sheets/posters/mind maps/timeline
- Redo practice questions from lessons
- Create quizlets to learn key terminology on flash cards
- Create your own Kahoots and blookets
- Use tools like Seneca to develop your understanding
- Ask/email your teacher if you are unsure of a concept or topic in your notes.

Student description:
You must complete
a minimum of 5
hours of
independent study
per week!

Read the text book/revision guide/webpages

- Review book chapters on topics covered in recent weeks
- Plan and complete practice questions from the book chapters/sources booklets covering recent topics
- Summarise book notes into revision sheets/posters/mind maps/timelines
- Read ahead of the classwork course
- Borrow additional books/resources from H8 and L05

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Learn everything!

- Learn all definitions
- Learn all spellings
- Learn all key dates
- Learn all key individuals
- Learn all acts/laws
- Learn all events such as elections
- Learn order of Presidents and Primeministers
- Practice – test yourself!!!
- Learn how geography can successfully lead you to a future career.
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Complete past paper questions

- Download A-Level papers
- List the topics which are tested most regularly
- Make notes on styles of questions asked on each topic (explain, analyse, evaluate, convincing, value etc.)
- Analyse sources within sources booklet
- Complete questions on recent class topics

Read around the subject

- Use alternative A-Level text books to read around the subject
- Review recent classwork topics
- Watch documentaries about future topics
- Use appropriate websites:
 - www.history.ac.uk
 - www.activehistory.co.uk
 - www.bbc.co.uk/history