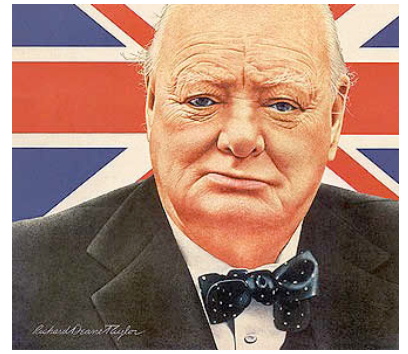


“Democracy is the worst form of government, except all the other forms which have been tried” – Winston Churchill



Politics at A Level

What is it?

Politics is the study of how countries make laws, how they arrived at the ideas and values that hold their peoples together and how decisions are enforced. It is one of the oldest subjects in history with great thinkers such as Socrates and Plato spending many hours debating over what system is the best to organise human beings.

Why take it?

As well as providing students with a better understanding of the world they live in it will develop skills that will be essential for many jobs. Key jobs that are reliant on politics include: Journalism, solicitors, barristers, lawyers, local government, the Forces, the Civil Service and those hoping to work in the United States of America.



The Course:

AS – Government in the UK

- How are elections organised and how have people voted recently?
- What are the differences between the different political parties and what role do pressure groups play in our way of life?
- How do Parliament, Downing Street and local councils actually work?

“If voting changed anything, they’d abolish it” Ken Livingstone MP

A2 – Government in the USA

- What do the two main parties stand for and why don't other parties emerge?
 - How does the American system of government work?
- What did Barack Obama have to do to become President?



The Examinations:

4 exams – 2 at AS and 2 at A2 level.
All are worth 25% of the final A level.