

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Politics

Q 1. What is Politics?

Lively, relevant, controversial, there are many ways to describe A-level Politics. There is no denying that it is one of the most interesting and engaging qualifications, you can choose. Covering news and current affairs from the UK and US, it helps you understand how the UK as a country is run and develops research, written communication and debate skills. It also helps grow your confidence.

Q 2. What do you study?

Unit 1: GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS OF THE UK

Students will study over two years the UK Constitution, Government, the powers of the Prime Minister, UK Political Parties, Elections and Voting, Referendums and Pressure Groups.

UNIT 2: GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS OF THE USA AND COMPARATIVE POLITICS

Students will study over two years the American Government and Politics. This includes looking at Presidential elections, Pressure Groups, the Constitution, Political Parties, and Social Issues. Students will also compare UK-US political culture, government and Politics.

UNIT 3: POLITICS IDEAS

*Students will study three core ideas:
Socialism/Liberalism/Conservatism and Feminism*

Q 3. Which exam board do you teach?

AQA



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Q 4. What are the entry requirements for Politics A Level?

To study Politics A level at Loreto you need to meet the college entry requirements to study A level (Six GCSEs 9-4, two from English, Maths OR Science. Two at least grade 6).

Q 5. What subjects go well with Politics?

A range of humanities and social science subjects including History, English, Economics, Geography, Law and Sociology. It is also ideal if you are considering studying politics, sociology, ethics, law, advertising or journalism at university and is highly regarded by employers in industries including politics, international organisations, the media, government and the civil service.

Q 6. Is there any coursework in Politics A Level?

There is no coursework in Politics but there are three exams at the end of the two years. These exams are 2 hours long and the questions range from short answer, applied and extended writing questions.

Q 7. What can Politics lead to?

A good grade in Politics at A level is valued by universities and employers, since it requires the development of analytical skills and demonstrates the ability to evaluate political, social and economic issues. This course also lays an appropriate foundation for further study of government and politics or related subjects in higher education.

Q 8. What are the class sizes in Politics A Level?

Politics is a popular subject and the class sizes usually range from 20 – 24 students.

Q 9. Do you go on any trips in Politics?

Yes, in Politics we go to the USA (COVID permitting), visiting New York and Washington. The department also invites academic guest speakers who visit the college.



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Q 10. What support will I get?

The subject is well taught with an outstanding range of resources provided to students to help support their learning. Students are regularly assessed to help enhance their long-term memory of the subject over the two years in preparation for their A level examinations, and there is a homework schedule to enhance this. The department offers an extra session for upper sixth students to help students improve their grades.

