



Government & Politics

Students of Government and Politics at CCHS tend to be lively and engaged with the world around them. We look for opportunities to stretch and challenge girls through invigorating debates and opportunities to participate in local Question Time, local and national competitions such as the European Youth Parliament and Model United Nations, and we encourage visits to Parliament and International Institutions such as the European Parliament and UN Headquarters.

A Level Government and Politics

The school follows the EdExcel syllabus which is yet to be reformed.

The AS Course

At AS you will gain an understanding of how the UK political system works, and how it is linked to contemporary concerns and events.

- **Unit 1: People and Politics** looks at how people in the UK are linked to the government, through the themes of democracy and political participation, party policies and ideas, and pressure groups.
- **Unit 2: Governing the UK** focuses on the main institutions of UK government such as Parliament and the Prime Minister and Cabinet. Its core themes are distribution of policy making, power and the effectiveness of the key bodies in carrying out their roles and functions.

In Units 1 and 2 you will have the opportunity to debate and discuss current issues in UK politics.

The A2 Course

- **Unit 3: Structures in Global Politics.** This topic will give you an understanding of politics on a global scale, including the importance of power and how political structures and organisations have developed to promote co-operation and prevent disputes.
- **Unit 4: Global Political Issues.** This topic will examine key issues in recent global politics such as conflict, war and terrorism; poverty; human rights and the environment, and how these issues are dealt with at a global level.

Is Government and Politics right for me?

Government and Politics is the right subject for you if:

- You have an interest in the world around you, want to know more about the society in which you live, how it works, and how it could work
- You enjoy debate, discussion and argument and are comfortable with the idea that



in politics there is no right or wrong

- You enjoy weighing up and evaluating evidence in order to assess and communicate ideas and arguments
- You like thinking for yourself and want to develop your own views rather than accept the views of others.

What can I do with an A Level in Government and Politics?

- The qualification will give you adaptable skills which will enable you to understand and assess ideas and arguments, and to construct and communicate clear answers to problems based on well-validated evidence.
- You can progress to higher education courses such as degrees in Politics, International Politics/Relations and Political Science as well as to degrees in related subjects such as History, Geography, PPE, Economics and Social Policy.
- The study of Politics can lead to a variety of careers within areas such as journalism and broadcasting, management, publishing, local government, public policy and policy research, interest groups, local government and the voluntary sector, as well as within politics itself. It combines well with subjects such as History, Geography, Economics, Philosophy and Languages.