

# GOVERNMENT & POLITICS A Level

## Why Study this course?

- You enjoyed History, Geography and/or English at school
- You have an interest in the world around you, a passion for current issues, and enjoy a ringing debate such as...
  - Who really runs Britain?
  - Is the USA really 'The Land of the Free?'
  - What is the use of the House of Lords?
  - Is the power of American Presidents declining?
  - What has the American Civil Rights movement achieved?
- You want to know and understand more about the system in which we all live.
- You have good research skills.

## What You'll Study

**Year 1:** The Way Britain is Governed and examine questions and issues like:

- The Conservative minority government
- How powerful is the Prime Minister?
- How effective is Parliament?
- Should we have a codified Constitution?
- How well are our civil liberties protected in the UK?

Political Beliefs and Ideas in Britain - looking at:

- The politics of protest
- What do the main Parties in the UK believe in?
- Should we change the electoral system?
- How democratic is Britain?

**Year 2:** You will study the Politics of the USA addressing questions like:

- Is the power of American Presidents declining?
- How important is money in US elections?
- What has the American Civil Rights movement achieved?
- How does the US political system compare to Britain?

## Career Progression

Knowledge of British Government and Politics is essential in careers in areas such as Politics, the Law and Journalism.



## Why study Government & Politics at PWSFC?

### Why I chose Government & Politics

*"Government and Politics at Parrs Wood Sixth Form is a very stimulating, topical subject. Its well planned lessons engage students on a range of political topics, including discussions of current affairs. The teachers go the 'extra mile' in their effort to providing fun, creative and supportive class room activities that challenge students to reach their full potential. " - Joe*

### If you like this subject, you may also like:

History, Geography, Sociology, Philosophy, Psychology, Law and Economics

### Why Parrs Wood?

- We run a trip to America to experience American politics and culture at first hand. A wonderful experience.
- You will have the opportunity to visit the Houses of Parliament in London having a guided tour, meeting one of our local MPs.
- We have also run visits to universities for lectures, and had visitors coming into the school to give talks, for example from the American Embassy.

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