

## The Politics GCE course (Edexcel)

Edexcel	% of final grade	Content	Marks/Length of Exam
Unit 1- UK Politics	33.3%	1 x source question – [30] 1 x essay question – [30] 1 x essay question – [24]	84 marks 2 hours
Unit 2 – UK Government	33.3%	1 x source question – [30] 1 x essay question – [30] 1 x essay question – [24]	84 marks 2 hours
Unit 3 – Comparative Politics, USA	33.3%	2 x mini essay question [12 x 2] 2 x essay question – [30 x 2]	84 marks 2 hours

### Course Content

A-Level Politics at Alderbrook covers a wide range of content from the very basics of the UK political system and voting patterns, to the grander 'beacon of democracy' the USA.

Students will study the development of democracy in the UK, the functions, histories, and ideologies of our political parties, as well as the specifics of the system within which they function.

A study of the political system of the USA allows our students to gain an even deeper understanding of our own system as they draw clear and considered comparisons between executives, legislatures, and judiciaries.

A grade 6 in English Language or a grade 6 in History where applicable is required, any deep political knowledge is not.

The impact of Brexit, the ongoing impact of Trump and COVID-19, alongside climate change will dominate the lives of our young people in Britain. Politics is the most vital subject of the day, and I cannot see this changing... What will the enquiry into COVID-19 make of our response to the unprecedented pandemic? Will Trump overcome the chains of the US constitution and govern as a dictator? Will the Conservatives recover from their historic wipe-out?

