



# ABBEGATE

Sixth Form College

## GOVERNMENT & POLITICS

Entry requirements:  
Minimum of 5 GCSEs at Grade 4 - 9 and  
minimum Grade 5 English Language or a Humanities subject

### STUDENT PROFILE

This course will appeal to students who:

- have an interest in current affairs
- enjoy debate and discussion on a wide range of political issues
- would like to develop their explanation, research and argument skills
- are interested in the rights of the individual and the working of the state.

This subject will work well alongside a number of others such as History, English, Geography and Philosophy.

### PROGRESSION

The skills of analysis, evaluation and argument that you will gain from this A level will aid study in most degree courses. Many universities offer Politics degrees, and subjects such as History, Social Science, Geography and Business will be supported through the study of Government and Politics.

Throughout the course, you will improve your presentational skills and your ability to turn research into a succinct argument or debate.

These skills will be appreciated by universities and employers.

### STUDENT VIEW

"Government & Politics is a course which enables you to understand the mechanisms and ideologies which drive the day-to-day goings-on in the British political sphere. It is fascinating, but above all, relevant."

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## COURSE CONTENT

### Core content

1. Government and Politics of the UK
2. Government and Politics of the USA and comparative politics
3. Political Ideas

### Assessments

#### Paper 1

What's assessed: Government and Politics of the UK

How it's assessed:

- Written examination: 2 hours
- 33 % of A-level

Questions: A mixture of medium length and essay style questions.

#### Paper 2

What's assessed:

- The Government and Politics of the USA
- Comparative Politics

How it's assessed:

- Written examination: 2 hours
- 33% of A-level

Questions: A mixture of medium length and essay style questions.

#### Paper 3

What's assessed: Political ideas

How it's assessed:

- Written exam: 2 hours
- 33 % of A-level

Questions: A mixture of medium length and essay style questions.

