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# Politics

Studying Politics will give you an opportunity to be fully informed on a fundamental part of our society, giving us the knowledge to help us understand that if we engage in political processes, using the pressure points built into the system, then every individual really does have the opportunity to change the world. Looking specifically at the UK political system as well as a comparative section on US politics, this course offers students the chance to see how change can happen in the world. At Barr's Hill you will receive the support from staff who have specialized knowledge in the subject and can offer bespoke one to one support which will help you build knowledge and skills that will prepare you to be an active citizen in the world.

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## Entry Requirements

All Universities will have different requirements for the relevant courses. You will need to research each university and each course as they will be slightly different.

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## Topics covered

In Year 12 we will prepare for Paper 1 which is divided into 'the Politics of UK' and 'the Government of UK', this will take a look at the working of the political system in Britain and the role of political parties. We will also consider voting behaviour and electoral systems including the role of the media. We will also focus on the British constitution and the roles of the main political institutions. During the Spring Term we will start Paper 2 which is comparative study comparing US Politics with the UK.

In Year 13 you will study the main political theories such as conservatism, liberalism, socialism and nationalism.

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## Skills you will develop on the course

There are a lot of transferable skills such as assertiveness, public speaking, data analysis, essay writing and research. As well as written and oratory skills. This highly respected A level provides you with many transferable academic skills that will equip you both for higher study on a variety of courses and the world of work. The course is designed to challenge your perspectives via critical thinking and writing whilst also developing your research skills.

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## Assessment

Assessment is as follows:

- Paper 1 - UK Politics
- Paper 2 - USA & Comparative Politics
- Paper 3 - Political Ideas

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## Educational trips, visits and wider experiences

- We will have a visit to parliament where we will receive a tour and workshop on the history of parliament.
- A range of essay writing competitions will be offered for pupils who want to challenge themselves and enhance their UCAS personal statements
- We will have the chance to meet the local MP and discuss the role of an MP as well as any questions about parliament.

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## What type of students will do well on this course?

A student who wants to understand how the world works and wants to make change. You will also need to be organized and collaborative. Politics lessons include a variety of different learning methods; whole class teaching, debates and discussion, and individual and group work. You will be required to complete mini research projects, and structured answers as well as essays.

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## For more information contact:

To find out more please speak to any of the teachers in the history department.

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## Post-School Progression Opportunities

University	Entry requirements	Other similar courses offered
<b>University of Cambridge</b> Politics BA	A*AA	Politics Philosophy & Economics Law
<b>University of St.Andrews</b> International Relations	AAA	Politics Philosophy & Economics History & Politics
<b>University of Warwick</b> Law LLB	AAA	Political Philosophy Politics & Law
<b>King's College London</b> Politics BA	A*AA	Political Theory Politics & Law
<b>University of Sheffield</b> Politics & Sociology	ABB	Global Sustainable Development Politics & Modern Languages & Cultures

## Career Opportunities

### Policy Officer

#### What would I do?

- undertake or commission research on a range of topics
- carry out consultations with internal and external stakeholders - including
- colleagues, customers or members of the public
- gather and analyse data and other information
- draft briefings, reports and speeches providing relevant evidence, analyses, conclusions and recommendations
- deliver oral briefings and presentations
- support or coordinate meetings, conferences or debates, sometimes including diary management
- provide advice to senior managers, key stakeholders and decision-makers
- keep up to date with social, political and economic developments, and brief others on these
- develop expertise in a particular area of policy, or draw on the expertise of others
- manage and track the delivery of political or organisational priorities, reporting on progress
- write and monitor communications to ensure consistency and accuracy
- manage and respond to information requests relating to policy

UK average: £43,194

Routes in: Bachelor degree in Law

### Solicitor

#### What would I do?

- providing legal services like conveyancing, probate, civil and family law, litigation, personal injury and criminal law
- advising businesses and corporate clients in areas like contract law, tax, employment law and company sales and mergers
- advising on insurance, patents, shipping, banking, the media or entertainment
- providing advice in areas like education, planning and social services
- advising government ministers
- prosecuting people who break rules
- advising and representing clients in court
- instructing barristers or advocates to act for clients
- drafting confidential letters and contracts
- researching legal records and case law
- attending meetings and negotiations
- managing finances and preparing papers for court
- using plain English to explaining complex legal matters to clients
- keeping up to date with changes in the law

UK average: £43,194

Routes in: Bachelor degree in Law.

### Charity Officer

#### What would I do?

- carry out marketing and public relations activities to raise the profile of the organisation's services and campaigns
- design fundraising materials such as leaflets and flyers
- create and organise fundraising initiatives and events
- approach potential donors and maintain donor lists
- liaise with external agencies, including voluntary sector organisations, the media, local authorities, business contacts, trustees and other stakeholders or clients
- recruit, train and coordinate the work of volunteers
- lobby government and other policymakers on behalf of a cause or a client group
- carry out administrative tasks such as applying for grants and other sources of funding, managing budgets, gathering data, preparing reports, database management and clerical work to meet the charity's needs.

UK average: £35 000