



# BOSTON HIGH SCHOOL SIXTH FORM

A mixed Sixth Form in a selective Grammar school for girls

## GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

### COURSE CONTENT

**In Year 12** students study units on UK Politics and UK Government. In this they will look at the core ideologies within politics (Liberalism, Conservatism and Socialism), analysing different voting systems as well as looking at the roles of Parliament, the Prime Minister, and the judicial system. There will also be a unit on the ideology of feminism. This would be ideal for those students thinking of studying Law and also complements the A Level History and Sociology courses.

**In Year 13** students will look at a comparative study on Government and Politics of the USA. Within this they will study the US Constitution, Congress, the Presidency, the Supreme Court, US civil rights and democracy and participation. Students will be expected to critically analyse and evaluate both the UK and US systems of government.

Unit 1: UK Politics (33.3% of overall A Level)

Unit 2: UK Government (33.3% of overall A Level)

Unit 3: Comparative Politics USA (33.3% of overall A Level)

### PREPARATION FOR STUDYING THIS SUBJECT

- A keen knowledge of current affairs important for this subject.
- Political podcasts- give an overview of both the US and UK governmental systems.
- *The West Wing*- fictional but useful for an overview into the US political system
- *The Politics Review*
- *Talking Politics*
- *Politics PAL*

### ASSESSMENT

3 x 2-hour examinations

### FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

- Politics and International Relations
- Journalism
- History
- Law
- Sociology

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Full entry requirements can be found on our website. Please ensure you check these as some courses have subject specific requirements that must be met in addition to the general entry requirements to join our Sixth Form.

**QUALIFICATION:** A Level

**EXAM BOARD:** Edexcel

**COURSE LEADER:**  
Mrs Carter



*"I think politics is important. It's how we run our society."*

*"Everything is Politics"*