

How to apply

- Complete and return an application form. Application forms are available from the Wellington Academy website at: www.thewellingtonacademy.org.uk
- Your completed application should be returned to Dave Bissington, Head of 6th Form, this can be done either via your tutor (if internal) or delivered to the school reception
- Alternatively, please complete an online form, found under 2022 - Applications on the 6th Form tab on the school website.
- You will have an individual course consultation, during which provisional courses will be agreed.

The offer of the course will be conditional upon you meeting the required entry grades, any subject specific criteria and having a suitable reference from your previous school.

Your final interview will be held immediately after you have received your GCSE results. This is when your actual offer is negotiated and confirmed.



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6th Form Courses

GOVERNMENT & POLITICS



- Why did the UK Government choose to act on the 'Brexit' vote?
- Is the UK really a democracy?
- How can we get more people to vote in elections?
- Should we keep the monarchy?

By studying Government & Politics you will be able to answer all these questions and more!

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"The ballot is stronger than the bullet."
Abraham Lincoln

A Level Government and Politics (AQA)

What is the course like?

In A Level Government & Politics you will be able to grasp the core basics on how our country is run by the UK government, the monarchy and leading politicians. Politics thrives on healthy debate, where you will be challenged on where your ideas sit on the political spectrum (from Labour to Conservatism, for example), as well as meet our local MP and have an opportunity to visit the Houses of Parliament.

Course content

Unit 1: Government and Politics in the UK.

Unit 2: Government and Politics in the USA.

Unit 3: Political Ideas (Core: Liberalism, Socialism & Conservatism. Optional ideas: Anarchism or Multiculturalism).

Within these units students will study topics including the following; the powers of the Prime Minister and the US President; how elections work; what the EU *actually* does; differences between political parties; the US Constitution and the issues within it (e.g. why won't America give up their guns?); devolution (should Scotland become independent?) and much more.

Entry requirement

5 GCSEs at 9-5 including English and Maths

Duration

2 years

How will I be assessed?

You will have three exams at the end of your second year. Each exam is 2 hours in length and all are worth 77 marks each.

Where does it lead?

Government & Politics is a versatile subject that can help you in a number of careers as well as gain entry to university. Not only could you find yourself working for big corporations, law firms, the media or the government but your qualification in Politics could also be valuable support in a career like marketing, journalism or teaching. Students have gone on to study University courses such as; International Relations; Sociology; Psychology; History; Law; Business Studies.

Is this course suitable for me?

Yes, if you prefer a more academic approach to learning, assessment is based on understanding, knowledge, application, analysis and evaluation. If you enjoy discussions, problem solving, independent research and reading and you have a genuine interest in how political decisions affect your life and the world around us then this course could be for you.

Additional Information

- Students will have the opportunity to attend lectures delivered by leading figures through our partnership with Wellington College.
- Students will be eligible for a trip to Houses of Parliament (including going into the House of Commons and the House of Lords).
- Students will have the opportunity to ask questions from our local MP on matters which are important to them.
- Students will be expected to keep up with developments in the news, watch related programmes such as Prime Minister's Question Time (PMQT) and read around the subject (Ms Fiske has a collection of books which can be borrowed).