

Politics

Politics will be a new subject to the majority of you and therefore you may see it as an opportunity to do something fresh and new, an enriching experience in itself. Politics is particularly useful if you are considering a career in Law, Journalism, Business/Retail Management, the Media or Civil Service. However the knowledge and skills which the study of Politics will give you, will be welcomed by any employer.



Politics Students with Sharon Hodgson MP

Case Study: Charlotte Wilson – Cardinal Hume

I chose to study A Level Politics, Religious Studies and Mathematics at St Roberts. I enjoy learning a subject which has relevance to daily life.

Discussing and debating issues in the news and linking it to political history is fascinating. There are big personalities in the politics class who make every debate interesting. I have made the decision to further my study of Politics at university level because I love the idea of taking a course where you can study the theory and see it in practice all around you.

What will you be learning ?

Some of the questions that will be raised are:- Who makes decisions, What rights do we have, Can the existence of the monarchy be justified, Does the media influence or reflect public opinion, Why do some people not use their vote, Why do some groups resort to terrorism to achieve their aims.

How will you be assessed?

This course is assessed by examination – three two hour examinations for A level.

What topics will you study?

At A level you will study three topics:

- Government and Politics of the UK
- Government and Politics of USA and comparative politics
- Political Ideas.

What skills will I develop?

To develop a critical awareness of the nature of politics and the relationship between political ideas, institutions and processes. To acquire knowledge and understanding of the structures of authority and power within the political system. To acquire knowledge of the rights and responsibilities of individuals in order to encourage participation in society.

It complements most other A- Level subjects.