

# POLITICS

A bitesize overview of the curriculum.

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## YEAR 1

We learn about, discuss and debate:

- How the United Kingdom and the United States are governed.
- Power! Who has it, how it's used and how it's limited.
- The institutions and the corridors of power that have shaped our place on the world stage.
- Why it's the only subject that is happening in real time; every day changes the political landscape in some way!
- Elections, how we have our say, why groups of people vote in certain ways and why our vote matters, or not...

## YEAR 2

We learn about, discuss and debate:

- Freedom, human nature and the role of the state. What will we surrender our freedoms for? What does our government owe us and what do we owe each other?
- Influence; how we are influenced, why some have more influence and why money talks.
- Civil rights; who deserves rights and what happens to groups that don't have power?
- Extremes of ideology; are your national traits and values superior to others'? Should countries forge their own place in the world, or surrender power to supra-national organisations?
- How populists harness discontent to create radical insider and outsider movements.

## WHAT SUBJECTS COULD I STUDY AT UNIVERSITY?

- Politics, Philosophy and Economics
- International Relations
- Law

## WHAT CAREERS COULD THIS LEAD TO?

- Civil Service (including Foreign Office and Diplomatic Service)
- Law
- Journalism and Media

## ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- The Sherry Club (discussion forum on politics, economics and contemporary issues)
- Seminars with MPs, members of the House of Lords, and former high ranking civil servants
- Trips to Parliament, the Supreme Court and US Embassy
- Academic webinars and conferences run by universities