

## GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

### Introduction

Few subjects are as relevant to our everyday lives as Government and Politics. This is a stimulating and rewarding subject that would suit any student who is interested in people, power and fairness in society.

Studying Government and Politics gives students a real insight into the world in which they live.

Students learn how the political decisions that affect our lives are made and who has the power and authority to make those decisions. They also develop analytical and evaluation skills as they debate topical and controversial issues, form their own political opinions and study different ideological viewpoints.



### What will it be like?

**Unit 1: Democracy in Action** In this unit, students gain an awareness of the basic concepts related to political participation: the importance of elections in a democracy and the different ways in which young people can make their voices heard. The unit seeks to enhance students' understanding of decision-making and the role of political parties and pressure groups in a democracy. Students explore different views on issues such as education, the economy and immigration, as well as considering the role of the media in reporting political events and influencing public opinion. This unit allows students to appreciate the importance of political participation and how political participation may take different forms.

### Unit 2: International Politics in Action

In this unit, students gain an awareness of the challenges posed by an increasingly interdependent world. The unit allows students to explore a variety of organisations that operate on a global scale and how they respond to important global issues such as conflict resolution and migration. Students consider the local and national response of governments, individuals and groups to political issues and evaluate the effectiveness of their actions.

### Assessment

The specification has two units:

**Unit 1: Democracy in Action** External written examination with one tier of entry which lasts 1 hour 30 minutes. There are three sections: **Section A** includes questions that require short answers, recall and definitions. **Section B** includes questions on source material. **Section C** includes extended, evaluative questions.

**Unit 2: International Politics in Action.** External written examination with one tier of entry which lasts 1 hour 30 minutes. There are three sections: **Section A** includes questions that require short answers, recall and definitions. **Section B** includes questions on source material. **Section C** includes extended, evaluative questions.

There is no CAT/ Controlled Assessment in this qualification.

### Career Progression

Students who gain this qualification may be interested in a career in government, law, business, finance, research, journalism, the media, a charitable organization, political research, political campaigning or public service. They may also wish to progress to GCE Government and Politics.