

Subject Title:**GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS****Type of Qualification:**

GCE A Level

Examination Board:

CCEA

Location:

Glastry College

Subject Leader:

Miss C McShane

**Entry Requirements**

A grade C in GCSE English

What will I learn?

There are two units at AS and two at A2. The topics that you will be studying are:

AS – The Government and Politics of Northern Ireland

AS – The British Political Process

A2 – A comparative study of the Government and Politics of the USA and the UK

A2 – Option A: Political Power OR Option B: Political Ideas.

What skills will I develop?

By following this course, you will develop skills highly attractive to third level education and employers alike. The course fosters higher order thinking skills such as creative and problem solving skills as well as study skills that would help prepare you for life beyond school. There will also be opportunity to develop cross curricular skills such as communication, ICT and working with others.

Assessment

In year 13 AS is worth 40% of overall A-level with AS1 weighted at 16% and AS2 worth 24%, while in year 14 A2 is worth 60% of overall A-level with A21 worth 35% of overall A-level and A22 worth 25% of overall A-level. You will sit two examination papers at the end of year 13 and then two examination papers at the end of year 14.

Career Progression

Studying Government and Politics at A Level and beyond can lead to a career in central or local government, the Civil Service or charity work but can also lead to a wide range of other jobs. Students of Government and Politics tend to know a lot about current affairs and are interested in leadership; attitudes that can be very useful in the workplace, they can specialise in human rights, law and international relations. Others pursue careers in PR, finance or business. Famous graduates of Politics course include Barack Obama, George Alagiah (BBC journalist), Anne Rice (author), Harry Enfield (comedian) and Riz Ahmed (actor).