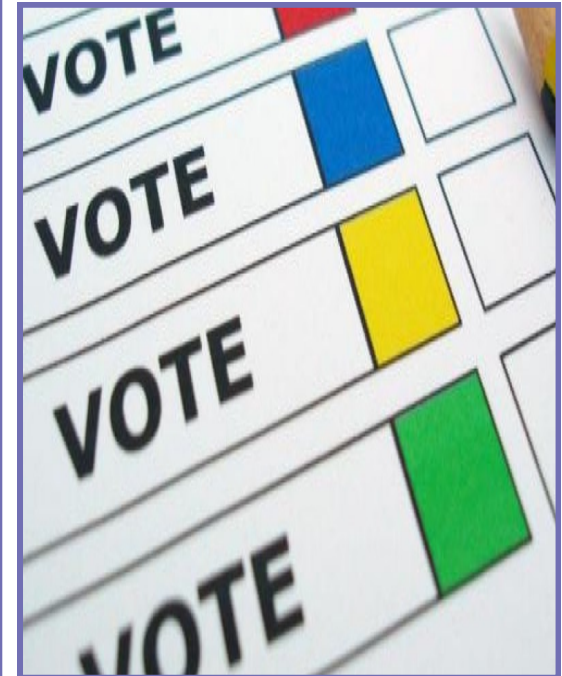


## Why choose Government & Politics:

- Government & Politics will spark and develop your interest in how the United Kingdom is governed. It will inspire you to take a greater interest in current affairs and help you understand exactly what it is that politicians are constantly talking about.
- Government & Politics will develop and complement the skills that are needed in most Humanities subjects including higher level thinking skills such as the ability to analyze and evaluate competing viewpoints in order to support a particular line of argument. It will also develop your knowledge and understanding of the world around you through the need to keep abreast of current affairs in Britain, Europe and the World.
- Government & Politics will develop your essay writing skills including the ability to précis information, to be succinct and to prioritize what is and isn't important when answering a question. In this sense, it specifically complements the skills needed to write essays in English Literature, History, Sociology and Philosophy & Ethics.

**Future Prospects:** An A Level in Government & Politics is a respected qualification by Universities and other Higher Education institutions. It opens up many pathways for future study, in particular within the Humanities and Social Sciences. Obtaining a high grade at A Level demonstrates that the student has excelled at a particular skill set that will serve them well at degree level. In recent years, former Government & Politics students from HGS have gone on to study a wide variety of subjects at university including: History, Politics Philosophy & Economics, English Literature, Sociology, Business Studies, Economics, Spanish & Politics, and Cultural Studies.



### Enrichment Opportunities:

- At Visits to the Houses of parliament and Downing Street
- Involvement in mock elections
- Question and answer sessions with the local MP

**What I will learn on this course:** In Year 12, students study two modules including an in-depth study of the UK political system. They examine institutions like parliament and become familiar with pressure groups like Greenpeace. Lessons are taught in a variety of ways, from the traditional to the experimental, encouraging student participation in hands-on activities. Students learn about the functions and roles of different aspects of the political system through an analytical approach. Topics covered include: Parliament, House of Commons, House of Lords, Prime Minister, Judiciary, Constitutional Reform, Elections, Pressure Groups and Political Parties.

In Year 13, students study two modules on the US political system. The emphasis at A2 moves away from the basic acquiring and retention of subject knowledge to a far more analytical and evaluative examination of the topics. At A2 students' analytical and essay writing skills are further developed. In addition, students are encouraged to closely follow American current affairs as this provides them with a solid base of examples to use. Topics covered include: Congress, the Presidency, the Supreme Court, Elections, Political Parties, Federalism and the Constitution.

**Assessment and Examination:** Both the AS Level and the A2 are 100% examined. There are two examinations for the AS Level each lasting one hour and twenty minutes and a further two for the A2 lasting one hour and thirty minutes.

*“Studying politics inspired me into joining a political party and getting involved.”*

Samed Karadal  
Year 13



### Why choose Government & Politics at Highbury Grove:

Government & Politics has been taught here for the past seven years. Results over that period at both AS and A2 have been excellent. At Highbury Grove, the experienced and knowledgeable members of staff have helped countless students to achieve high grades in the subject and to get on to their preferred degree courses at university.

**Entry Requirements:** Six GCSEs at grade C or above including Maths and a minimum grade B in English, No prior knowledge of politics is necessary

*“Politics has really helped me understand the world around me and how it is governed.”*

Maria Krasteva Year 13

