

# POLITICS

## A Level Course

### Description

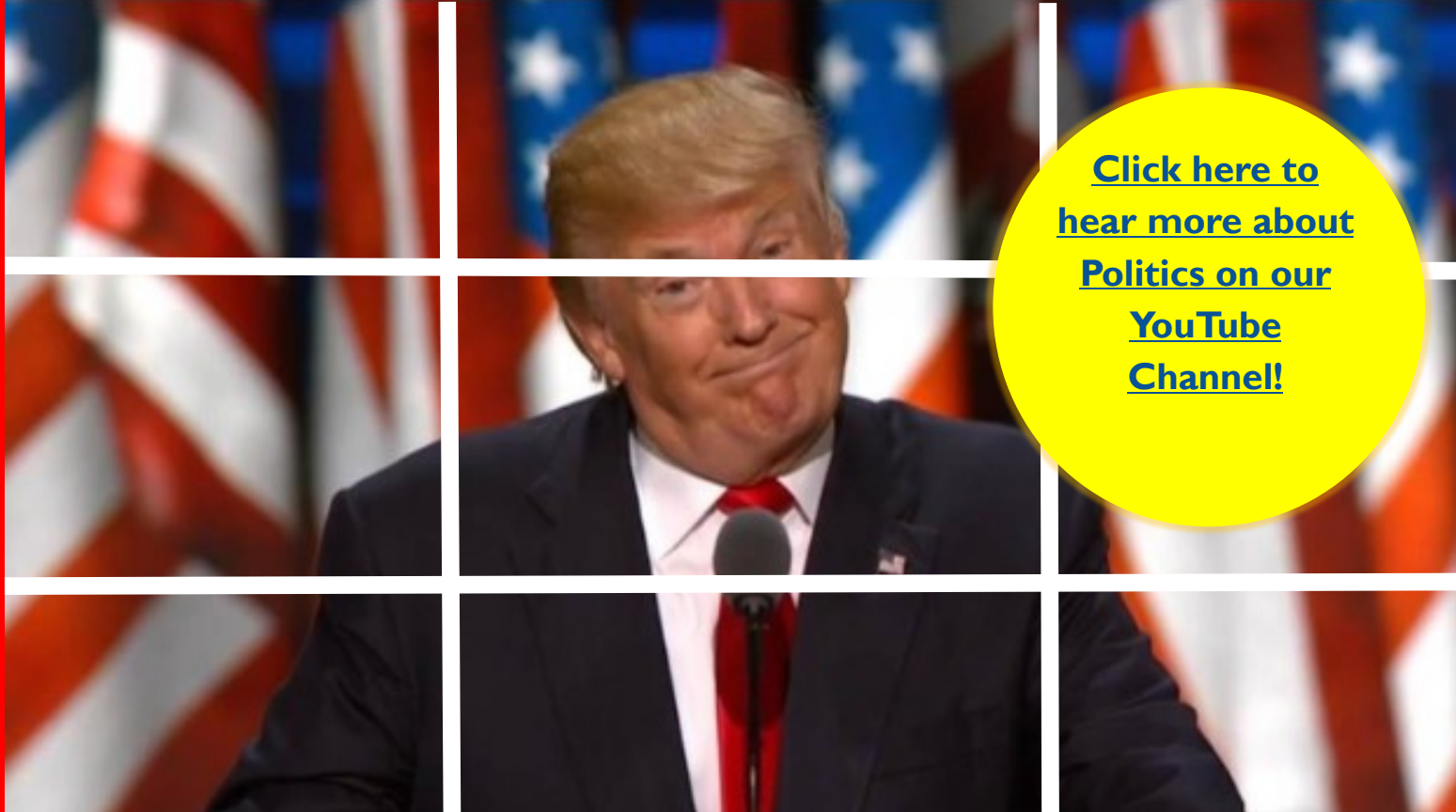
Politics is all about how society manages differing opinions. It's as much about compromise and concession as it is about strength of conviction. It impacts at every level of daily life, irrespective of your chosen career path or skill base. If you believe keeping up to date with the latest political and social news is a fundamental part of your day – if you enjoy discussion and accept that there are no right or wrong answers, then you should be on the A level Politics course at Holy Family.



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**UK PARLIAMENT**  
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### Entry Requirements

GCSE Average: 4.8. GCSE grade 5 in English,  
Prior knowledge in politics and political system is essential.



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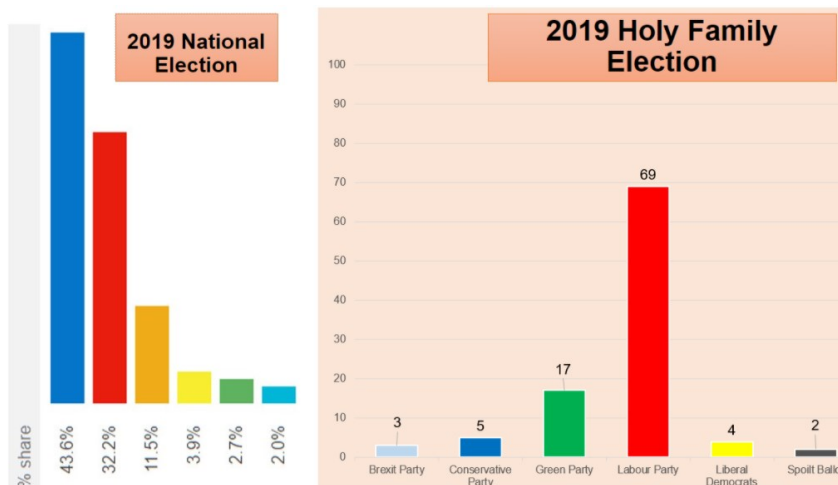
### Progression

Many students who have taken the A-level Politics go on to study Politics at university. From there you might become a researcher, join local or national government or even start on the path to become a future Prime Minister! But there are other job options too. If you fancy a career in Journalism or the Media, this course is very useful. Students also go on to become teachers or work in the legal profession.



## Course Details

<p><b>Unit 1: UK Politics</b>          Political Participation (democracy and participation, political parties, electoral systems, voting behaviour and the media)          Core Political Ideas (conservatism, liberalism, socialism)</p>	<p>2 hour written exam          33% of A level</p>
<p><b>Unit 2: UK Government</b>          UK Government (the constitution, parliament, Prime Minister and executive, relationships between the branches)          Optional Political Ideas: one idea from the following: anarchism, ecologism, feminism, multiculturalism, nationalism.</p>	<p>2 hour written exam          33% of A level</p>
<p><b>Unit 3: Comparative Politics</b>          USA (the US Constitution and federalism, US congress, US presidency, US Supreme Court and civil rights, democracy and participation, comparative theories)</p>	<p>2 hour written exam          33% of A level</p>



The Politics department at Holy Family has achieved ALPS 2 or 3 over the last 3 years. This means that students consistently achieve grades beyond their targets. Be confident that by doing Politics at Holy Family, you will join one of the strongest departments in the country!

*“Studying Politics has developed my critical awareness of where power lies and how power can be challenged in our own society.”*



## Further Information

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