

GOVERNMENT & POLITICS

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GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

- Right subject choice?
- What is it about?
- Staff & teaching split
- A level combinations
- Skills
- Lesson format
- Resources
- Popularity
- Results
- Eligibility
- Extra-curricular opportunities
- Academic status
- Importance
- Careers

Right subject for me?

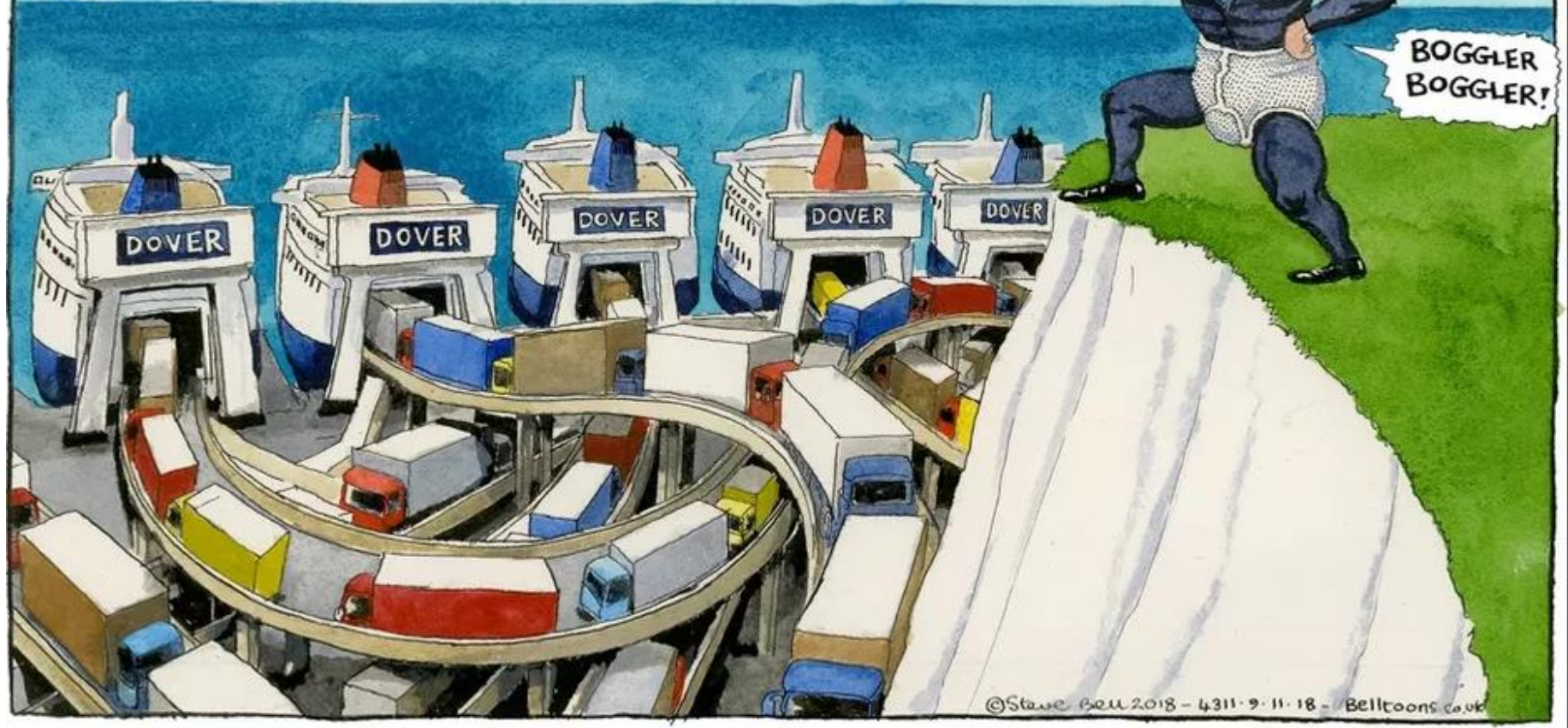
- Exciting sixth form opportunity
- Politics is broadly seen as the study of government, institutions and decision-making processes that govern the world we live in. It can also be the study of ideas, like justice, democracy, equality and freedom, and how power is distributed and exercised.
- “I enjoy studying politics because it makes me more informed than my parents”.
Amelia Crick, Y13

THE AWAKENING OF **SUPERRAAB**

GOSH! SO LITTLE
TIME! SO MANY
BIG LORRIES!!

POOP!
POOP!

BOGGLER
BOGGLER!





The
Economist

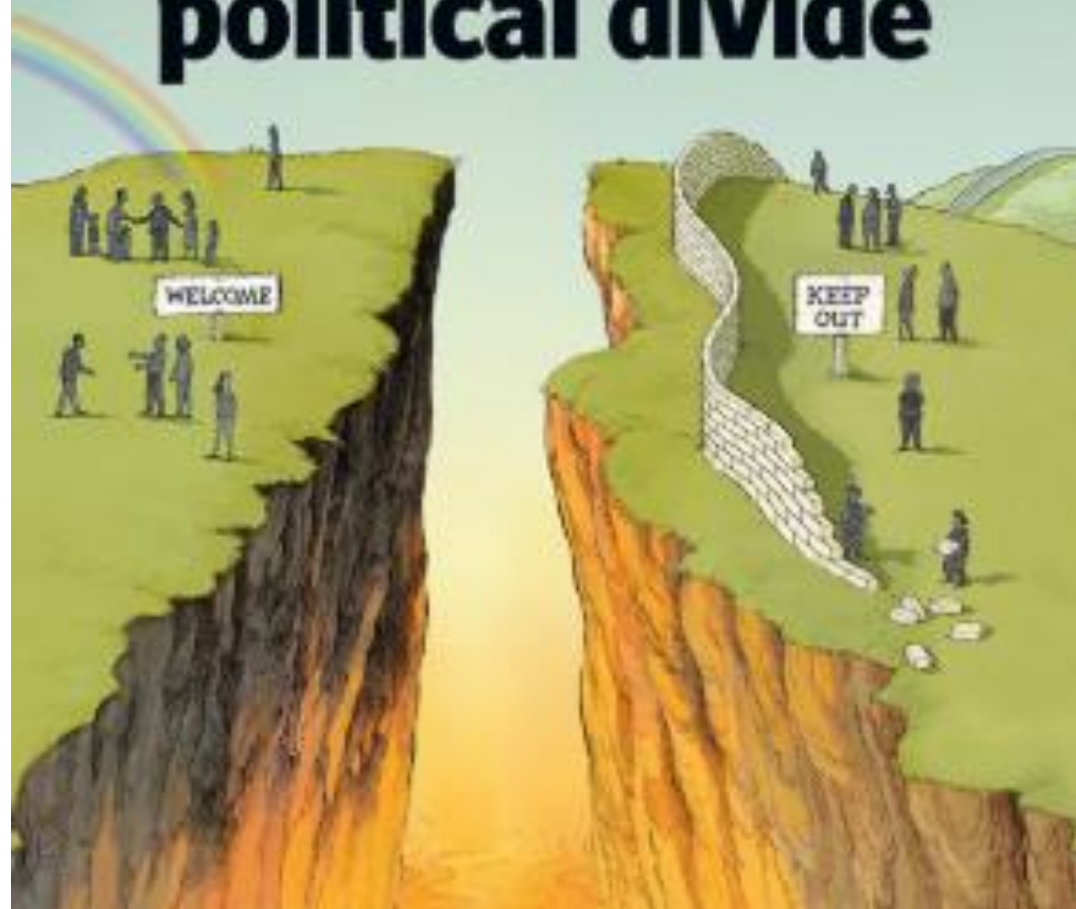
Europe's wave of terror

What Abenomics can teach the world

Portrait of an Olympic city

Yahoo: the click and the dead

The new political divide





Is democracy in crisis?



What is it all about?

- **Politics**
- Democracy & participation
- Political parties
- Electoral system
- Voting behaviour and the media



Political Ideas-Core ideologies



...and non-core



UK Government

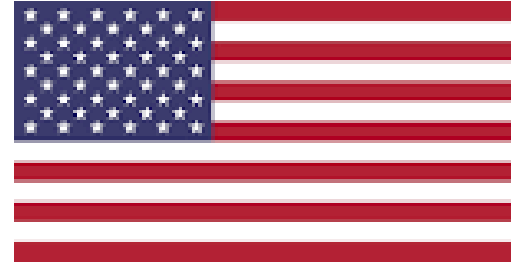
- The Constitution-the laws that determine the relationship, powers and responsibilities of the branches of government and people
- Parliament
- PM & Executive
- Relations between the branches,
- eg.the Supreme Court, EU



US Government & Politics



US mid-terms



- A week later it's clear the midterms did produce a blue wave – here are the three main factors that drove the Democrats' triumph
- One week ago, three distinct but overlapping currents combined to shift tidal forces in America's midterm elections — and smash the Republican Party's congressional fortress.
- Those currents were demographic change, democratic mobilization and disaffection with President Donald Trump.
- As is clearer now than on election night, they produced a blue wave that has fundamentally altered the political calculus of the capital.

Excellent combination subject

- Politics combines well with:
- Social sciences-Economics and Psychology
- History-useful for context and depth
- Pure Sciences as a variation rather than a complement
- MFL if International Relations of interest

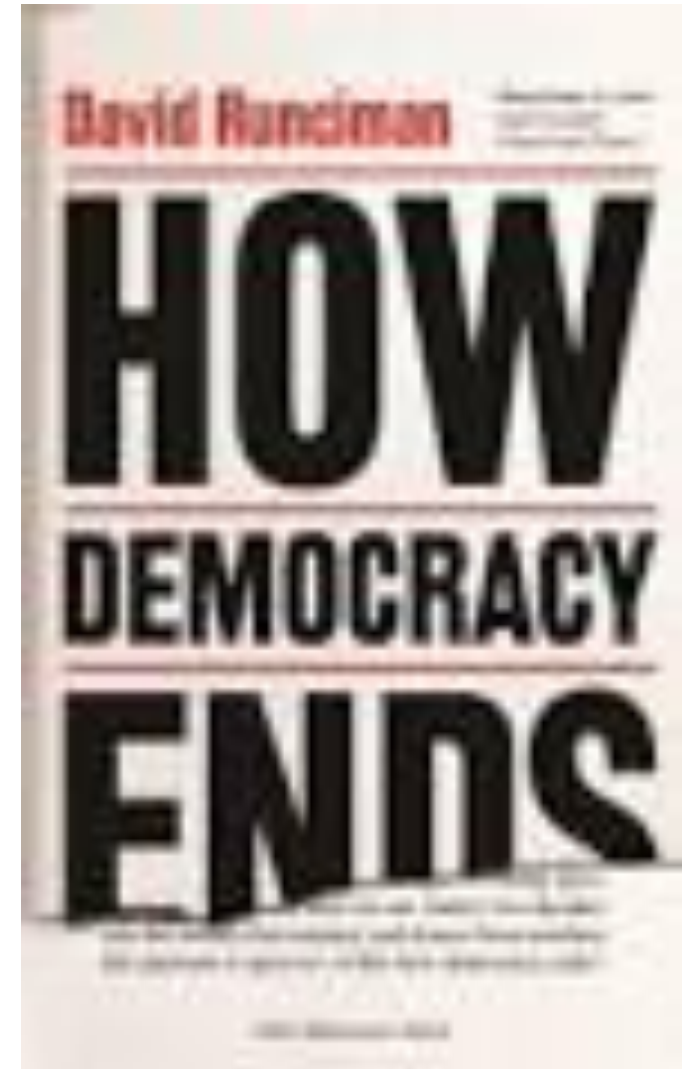
- **Politics teaching**
- Department of 4 (with History and Economics expertise)

Skills

- Knowledge and Understanding
- Ability to analyse information; identify similarities and differences, eg. UK and USA
- Relate continuously to contemporary affairs within an historical context
- Evaluate; appreciate different perspectives and draw reasoned conclusions

Resources

- Pre-chewed Politics
- Tutor2u Politics
- The Economist
- Financial Times
- Washington Post
- Twitter
- A wealth of recent specialist literature..



Eligibility, Popularity & Results

- Level 7 in History or another essay based GCSE such as English
- **(Exam structure:3 papers x 2hrs; source and non-source essays)**
- Nearly 50 students at SWBGS
- **SWBGS 89%**
- Edexcel Politics National A*B 57%

Extra-curricular opportunities

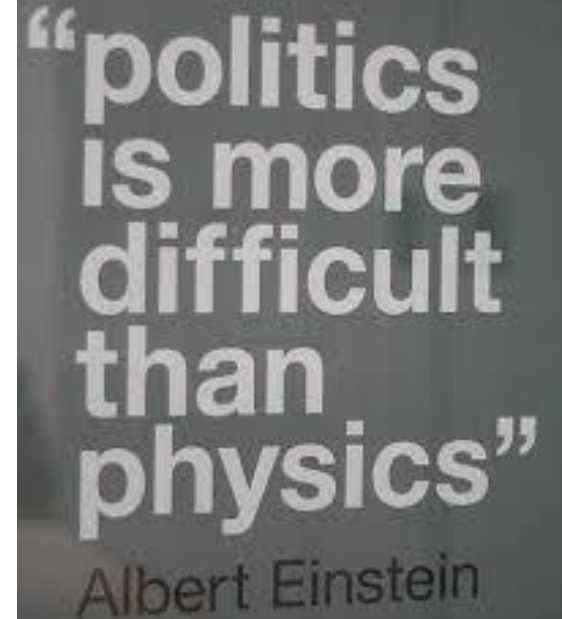
- Weekly:
- PolSoc
- International Relations Soc



- MUN
- Teamed with History for Y13 trip Half Term 2018 to Washington & NYC
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wk4OzDr6mdA>

Academic status & importance

- Raises awareness of an individual's importance and contribution to society; inspires participation.
- Applications and enrolments for Politics degrees up more than 12% in 2015-one of the biggest increases for any subject- a decade long trend-which is highly likely to have continued
- Fundamental to PPE



“politics
is more
difficult
than
physics”
Albert Einstein

Careers

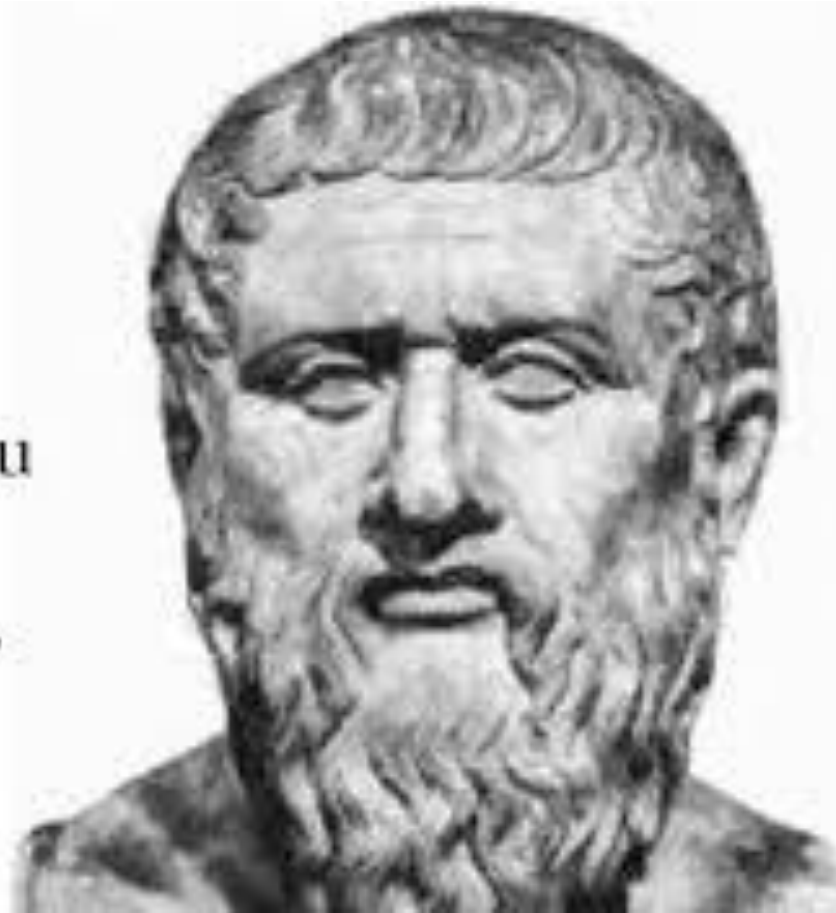
- **Political careers within government**
- Political **assistant**. ...
- **Government social research** officer. ...
- Roles within the **civil service**. ...
- Diplomatic service officer. ...
- Political **journalist**. ...
- **Public relations**
- Careers in human rights and charities...

The importance of Politics

One of the penalties for refusing to participate in politics, is that you end up being governed by your inferiors.

Plato

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**“BE SURE YOU PUT YOUR
FEET IN THE RIGHT PLACE,
THEN
STAND
FIRM.”**
-ABRAHAM
LINCOLN



Any
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