

# A LEVEL AQA A LEVEL POLITICS: FEEDBACK FROM THE 2019 EXAMS

NEW COURSE

CODE 7632

LOCATION/DATE

**Manchester**  
**Monday 11 November 2019**  
**London**  
**Friday 6 December 2019**

## ABOUT THIS COURSE

This course will provide feedback on the lessons to be learned from the first year of assessment in AQA A-level Politics. The course will provide a platform to discuss what qualities outstanding candidates demonstrated, as well as mistakes and common errors that cost candidates marks. In addition, the course will reflect on what the performance of candidates in 2019 means for teaching and learning in the year ahead.

## PROGRAMME

### Overview of key messages from 2019

- What skills did the most successful candidates demonstrate?
- How did candidates cope with the course content?
- What common errors cost candidates?

TIME

10.00 – 10.50am

Discussion: coffee break

10.50 – 11.10am

### Paper 1 with Special Focus on Section B and the Extract Question

- How did successful candidates approach the different questions?
  - 9 mark
  - 25-mark extract
  - 25 mark essay

11.10 – 12.00pm

### Paper 2 Feedback - US and Comparative Politics

- How did successful candidates approach the different questions?
  - 9 mark
  - 25-mark extract
  - 25 mark essay
- How should candidates approach the comparative theory question?
- How should candidates approach the comparative essay question?

12.00 – 1.00pm

Lunch and informal discussion

1.00 – 2.00pm

### Paper Three Feedback

- How did successful candidates approach the different questions?
  - 9 mark
  - 25-mark extract
  - 25 mark essay
- How were Key Thinkers used effectively?
- Group marking exercise – delegates must bring along their own copies of the AQA mark-scheme

2.00 – 3.00pm

### Improving Exam Technique & Performance

- How does the performance of students in 2019 affect our teaching of?
  - The course content?
  - The key skills?
  - Examination technique?
- Exploring new approaches, methods, revising strategies

3.00 – 4.00pm

### Questions and discussion

3.45pm

## COURSE LEADER

**Nick Axon** has taught A-level Politics since 2005. He was Head of Politics, then Head of History & Politics, at Cheadle Hulme School between 2009 and 2016, when he was appointed Head of Sixth Form. He was a Principal Examiner between 2012 and 2019, has contributed to Politics Review as well as producing resources for AQA since the development of the new specification.

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Heads of Humanities
- Heads of Government & Politics
- Teachers of AQA A Level Politics

## BENEFITS OF ATTENDING

- Gain a clear understanding of the AQA mark schemes
- Develop your understanding of what it takes to achieve A\*/A grades
- Learn about the strengths and weaknesses of candidates responses in 2019
- Develop a detailed understanding of the different demands of questions across all three papers