



CHEL TENHAM
LADIES'
COLLEGE

SIXTH FORM ENTRY IN 2026

POLITICS

Many candidates will not have had the opportunity to study Politics as an academic subject before. Therefore, there is no prescribed body of content for the examination, candidates will be asked to respond to provided written material on a political topic that is highly likely to be new to them. We would expect a degree of familiarity with well-known political terms and concepts, and also some understanding of the political systems and structures in the candidate's own country but only at a level appropriate for a candidate in their mid-teens.

The second section will require students to respond to one or more unseen sources relating to a political issue of the day. This section tests candidates' comprehension and analytical skills. Students will be asked to respond to a range of questions relating to their understanding of the sources but will not be required to have any specific pre-existing knowledge.

We are looking for **potential and a sense of engagement with political issues**. Candidates should seek to show that they are genuinely interested in politics and current events. To succeed in Politics at sixth form level and beyond, candidates will need to be able to

- Think for themselves
- Analyse
- Illustrate their answers with precise, accurate examples
- Express their ideas clearly, in a structured fashion, in a mature and literate way
- Use the media regularly and in a discriminating way to research political stories and keep up to date on events