



# Why Study Government and Politics?



THE TIME IS  
RIGHT FOR YOU  
TO SHOW YOUR  
PASSION FOR  
POLITICS

**“IF NOT US, WHO?  
IF NOT NOW, WHEN?”  
- JOHN F. KENNEDY**

# Passion for Politics

- Our world changes everyday; new events, new leaders, new laws, differing attitudes and cultural developments – it's a lot to keep up with!
- Politics is a unique subject as it changes all the time and helps to give you a greater understanding of how the society you are living in is developing.
- So, if you have a desire to follow a career in the public sector, become a human rights lawyer or work in the local community, studying Politics can help you.



# Knowledge is power...



## Common misconceptions about studying Politics:

1. Everyone that studies Politics wants to be Prime Minister or an MP or work in Politics
2. We just study Brexit
3. President Trump is reflective of all American Politicians
4. We spend all of our lesson time debating or behaving as if it is Prime Minister's Question Time

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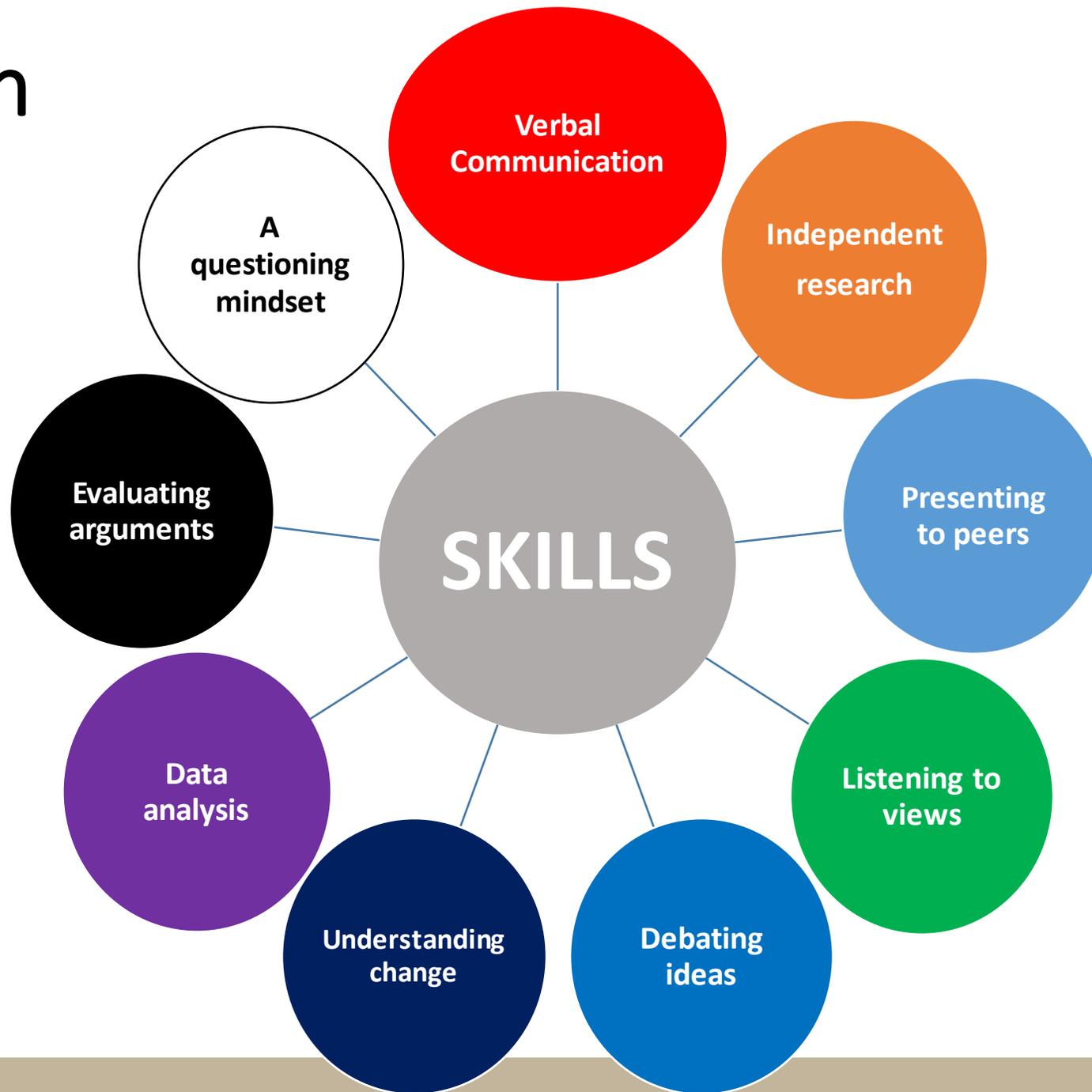


## Realities of studying Politics:

1. You learn how it influences our lives every day in different ways; it's not just about politicians or wanting to be one.
2. You study topics as different as how our human rights are protected, the role of the Supreme Court and how political ideas have influenced the modern state.
3. American Politics is much more diverse than the views of the President, in some ways the US is similar to UK Politics but in other ways it is very different.
4. We also analyse reports and articles, read extracts, go on visits and write about Politics; but yes we do spend a lot of time talking because we want you to develop your own ideas and understanding.
5. Studying Politics will help you to have a more rounded view of how the society you live in works.

# Strengthen your skills

Politics helps you develop skills that make you desirable to universities and employers



# Push open doors with Politics

A level Politics can lead to...

- A Politics degree or studying PPE – graduates are amongst the most successful in the country in top politics, BBC and journalism jobs
- A Civil Service apprenticeship
- Human Rights law
- Diplomatic services
- The Intelligence services
- Journalism
- Charity work
- Public Relations



# Find out more...

Find out more about studying Politics at university:

<https://www.topuniversities.com/courses/politics/guide>

Information about a wide range of jobs in the Civil Service: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/civil-service/about/recruitment>

This gives an idea of the diverse roles available in the diplomatic services:

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-profiles/diplomatic-service-officer>

Information on working for Mi5:

<https://www.mi5.gov.uk/careers/working-at-mi5?page=1>

This link gives an idea of what is involved in Public Relations:

<https://www.cipr.co.uk/content/policy/careers-advice/pr-you>

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