

A student perspective: **Politics**

Why did you choose this subject?

I have always had an interest in what's going on around the world, who's in power where and the different political problems countries have to face. So, when the opportunity to study politics was given to me I knew I had to take it!

Give examples of what you have studied in this subject:

Globalisation - how the world is becoming more interconnected through the internet, trade, transport etc

Voting behaviour - why do people chose to vote for the parties they vote for, is it because of their age, their religion, their gender etc

Core political ideas - the different theories behind political parties and the policies they believe in, do they follow socialist ideas, liberal ideas, conservative ideas etc

What do you enjoy most about studying this subject?

I enjoy learning about the world and what's going on around me, I like to be informed about how our world is evolving and changing every second, and this is exactly what you cover in politics, through discussions and the analysis of case studies such as the US vs China trade war or Brexit or the war on climate change, studying world affairs such as these is what I enjoy the most.

What Advice to someone who is considering this subject:

Read the news! When studying this subject, you have to link topics to what's going on in the world, so you'll need a range of case studies that you can reference and use in your work to show that you're aware of current affairs and understand the subject and its synoptic links.

What subjects do you study alongside this one?

I study Geography and Biology; geography works very well with politics especially when looking at human geography, as topics such as globalisation and superpowers are studied both in politics and geography, so I would recommend taking these two as they cross over and link very well.

What are your plans Post-18?

I hope to go to university to further my education in politics and possibly do a joint degree in politics and international relations, which I then hope to

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succeed in and use to obtain a job as a politician or a position within the civil service.