

- ▶ This meeting is for students on the following programmes:
 - Politics
 - Politics and International Studies
 - Politics and Sociology
 - Politics, International Studies and a Modern Language (French, German, Italian and Hispanic Studies)
 - Politics and international Studies with Chinese



PAIS Returners' Meeting (2023)

Dr Justin Greaves, Director of Student
Experience and Progression (DSEP)

#WeArePAIS

We view students as:

- ▶ Partners
- ▶ Collaborators
- ▶ Producers

- ▶ Valuing and acting on your feedback!



EXTENSIVE RESOURCES ON
OUR PAIS
UNDERGRADUATE
WEBPAGES



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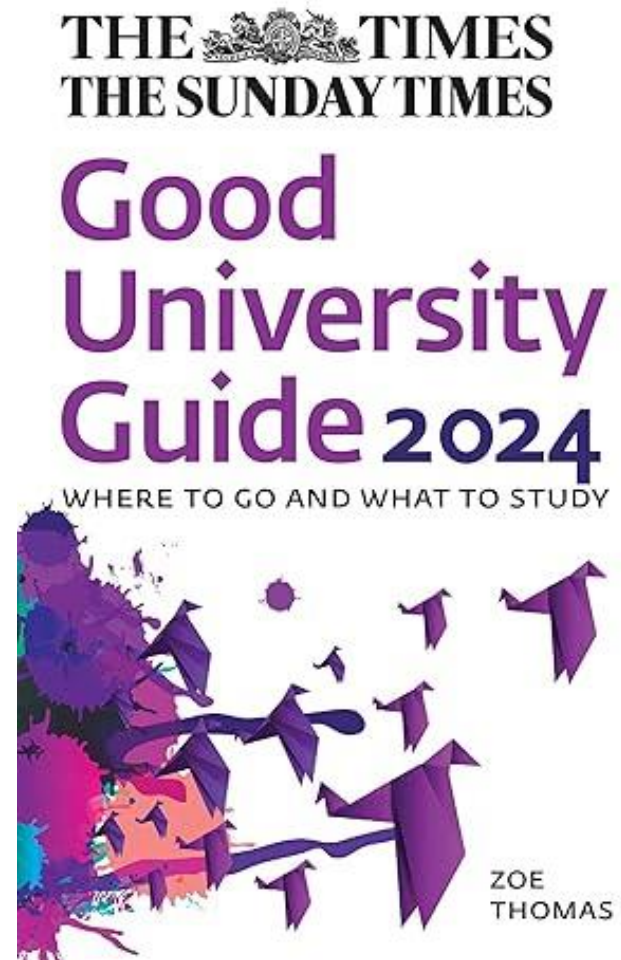
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- ▶ No 2 in the Times/Sunday Times league table for Politics
- ▶ 1st in Russell Group for teaching quality and student experience



► PAIS ahead of
Cambridge
and Oxford!



- ▶ 1st in the Russell Group for student voice for the SEVENTH year in a row



- ▶ 1st or 2nd in the Russell Group for Politics in all categories for the third year in a row



Consistency of student experience

Year	PAIS Position in Russell Group for Student Voice
2023	1 st
2022	1 st
2021	1 st
2020	1 st
2019	1 st
2018	1 st
2017	1 st

Student Voice: What is an SSLC?

- ▶ Made of up of elected student representatives, also known as **course reps**, and members of staff, called academic convenors
- ▶ Student led – they allow students to have a say on their course, their department, and their resources and is a great way to input into your university
- ▶ Looks good on a CV too (job applications, internships etc.)



Student Voice: SSLC Elections

- ▶ All online this year
- ▶ [Nominations open](#)
- ▶ Nominations: already open and close on Friday, October 6th
- ▶ Voting opens: Monday, October 9th and closes 13th October



- ▶ SU resources on [course reps and academic representation](#)



Degree weightings

- ▶ Pol/Pol Int – 40 per cent year 2/60 per cent year 3
- ▶ Pol Soc (entry year 2016 onwards) – 40 per cent year 2/60 per cent year 3
- ▶ Pol Languages – 50 per cent year 2/50 per cent year 3



Supporting your learning (1)

- ▶ High level of module optionality this year
- ▶ Exciting range of new modules reflecting a diverse and decolonised curriculum
- ▶ In response to feedback – module pre-selection
- ▶ Assessment methods in eVision
- ▶ [PAIS FAQs on Module Registration](#)
- ▶ Module choices are final – unless finalists wish to switch to a dissertation or a lecture clash



Supporting your learning (2)

- ▶ Increased and more diverse range of assessment methods for second years and finalists
- ▶ Online 'open book exams' in term 3 this year
- ▶ Fixed exam time this year in response to student feedback and to ensure academic integrity
- ▶ Word limits in response to student feedback



Looking to the future

- ▶ Postgraduate study? [Online study choices resource](#)
- ▶ **We will run an Master's information session again this year (date TBC)**



The people who run your degree

- ▶ The PAIS Programmes Team (D0.27, Social Sciences, 9am to 3pm, Monday-Friday)
- ▶ PAISUG@Warwick.ac.uk
- ▶ They have access to online systems so best placed to resolve issues around seminar sign-up, module registration, timetables, etc
- ▶ Please check for emails from the Programmes Team and other colleagues (including any spam/other folders)



Julia Welland

- ▶ Director of Undergraduate Studies (DUGS)
- ▶ J.Welland@warwick.ac.uk
- ▶ Essay extensions (via Tabula)
- ▶ Exams Officer



DUGS reminders

- ▶ The [UG handbook](#) is always the **definitive source of reference** – many questions answered there
- ▶ Improved design/layout
- ▶ Please remember that attendance at seminars is a requirement ([references](#) + [monitoring points](#))
- ▶ Please do check and read your university emails carefully



Personal tutor (1)

- ▶ Your personal tutor (name on [Tabula](#) will populate this week)
- ▶ The same personal tutor where we can
- ▶ Good person to ask for [references](#) – the more you get to know them the better
- ▶ [Personal tutor guidelines](#) to make the meetings as helpful as possible for you
- ▶ Enhanced arrangements to support the student experience
- ▶ Tutors will hold group meetings with students by year group at the beginning of term one



Personal tutor (2)

- ▶ Second year and finalist students will meet with their personal tutor in one-to-one meetings in Weeks 1-5 of Term 1
- ▶ During Term 2 students will again be expected to meet in one-to-one meetings with their personal tutors; the expectation is that they will meet in weeks 1-5.
- ▶ In all three terms, personal tutors will set aside time for personal tutor meetings and will communicate these to their tutees as well as their availability in advice and feedback hours



Wellbeing support

- ▶ Director of Student Well-Being and Senior Tutor - [Briony Jones](#)
- ▶ Students should see Briony (or Mark Fabian) if their PT is unavoidably unavailable
- ▶ [Mitigating Circumstances](#)
- ▶ Reasonable adjustments (Mark Fabian)
- ▶ [Wellbeing Support Services](#)



Wider Student Experience Team (1)

- ▶ David Hathaway
- ▶ PAIS Student Experience Coordinator
- ▶ D0.27 (Ground Floor, PAIS)



Wider Student Experience Team (2)

- ▶ Study Skills - **Miri Davidson**
 - ▶ Employability and Alumni Relations – **Kerem Oge**
 - ▶ Student Recruitment, WP and marketing - **Shannon Mathieu**
 - ▶ Social events and student societies, graduation and welcome week – **Joe Haigh**
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Communications

- ▶ [PAIS Who to Contact Guide](#)
- ▶ [PAIS email policy](#)
- ▶ You can normally expect a reply within 5 working days
- ▶ Make use of advice and feedback hours (details on [staff webpages](#))
- ▶ Advice & Feedback hours a blend of face to face and online
- ▶ Mine are Tuesday, 1.30-2.30pm (in person), and Thursdays, 1.30-2.30pm (online) (TBC)



Academic support workshops

- ▶ Essay writing and exam workshops
- ▶ Held in the Spring/Summer terms
- ▶ Also remember Andre Broome's [guide to academic writing](#)
- ▶ We mark to [marking criteria](#) not a curve
- ▶ Session on the marking criteria planned



Teams Q&A Sessions

- ▶ We will run Teams Q&A sessions on topics such as:
 - essay writing
 - study choices
 - Careers
- ▶ Supporting you with the right balance between *independent* and *directed* study



Important to reminder

- ▶ Module websites – especially which week lectures & seminars start (personal timetable not always 100% accurate!)
- ▶ Some lecturers may be opting into use lecture capture (University opt-in policy)
- ▶ What to do if there is a clash
- ▶ PAIS Dissertation Introductory lecture, Thursday, Oct 5th, 3pm-4pm, Oculus, OC0.03
- ▶ Check 30 CAT module seminar times against term 2 lectures on your timetable



- ▶ We have a great Common Room
- ▶ **Activate card via card reader on front of the building**
- ▶ Respect space, keep clean and tidy, clear up after yourselves



PAIS 'employability' skills

- ▶ **We teach** students to think critically
 - This means questioning current practice and thinking of different ways of doing things.
- ▶ **We teach** students to better understand power
 - This means you will be more attentive to constraints and opportunities, as well as the different ideas that people hold
- ▶ *We are 5th in the latest Guardian league table for 'graduate prospects' (tied with LSE)*



- ▶ PAIS Senior Careers Consultant – Millie Tissut
- ▶ Appointments Thursday morning (PAIS building)
- ▶ [The Warwick Award](#)



PAIS Opportunities

- ▶ We will advertise any available opportunities via email:
 - Research assistants
 - Student ambassadors
 - Student voice ambassadors
 - Bloggers



Politics Trove

- ▶ Recently secured a new £34,993 x3 year deal for Politics Trove.
- ▶ We hope this investment further supports the student learning experience
- ▶ Politics Trove team run Webinars throughout September and October.
Details on the Trove homepage



Politics Trove

- ▶ [Comprehensive User Guides](#)
- ▶ Student focused PDF document, '[Getting Started with Politics Trove](#)' for additional support
- ▶ For new users to the platform, a series of introductory [YouTube videos](#) to guide students and staff through various aspects of getting started with Trove



PAIS Film Club 23/24



October 10, 2023. Time: 19:00 – 22:00

Venue: FAB0.03.

Free Pizza (on first come, first served basis).

- ▶ [Study abroad opportunities](#) in an intercalated year (third year of a four-year degree)
- ▶ Application process starts a few months into your second year
- ▶ [Tom Parr](#) – PAIS Director of External Affairs (T.Parr@warwick.ac.uk)
- ▶ [Study Abroad video](#)



Be confident!

- ▶ Remember where we stand
 - League Tables, NSS, employability
- ▶ Take advantage of all the opportunities to produce your best work
- ▶ Take advantage of all the academic support available, particularly on study choices



Up to **95%** of PAIS
students graduate
with a **2.1 or First**



- ▶ All the best for the 2023/24 academic year
- ▶ Do not hesitate to ask for support or advice
- ▶ I hope to be there when you all collect your degrees at graduation



Please hand in the
attendance sheets

THANK YOU!

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