

- ▶ 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



WELCOME TO PAIS 2023/24!!!

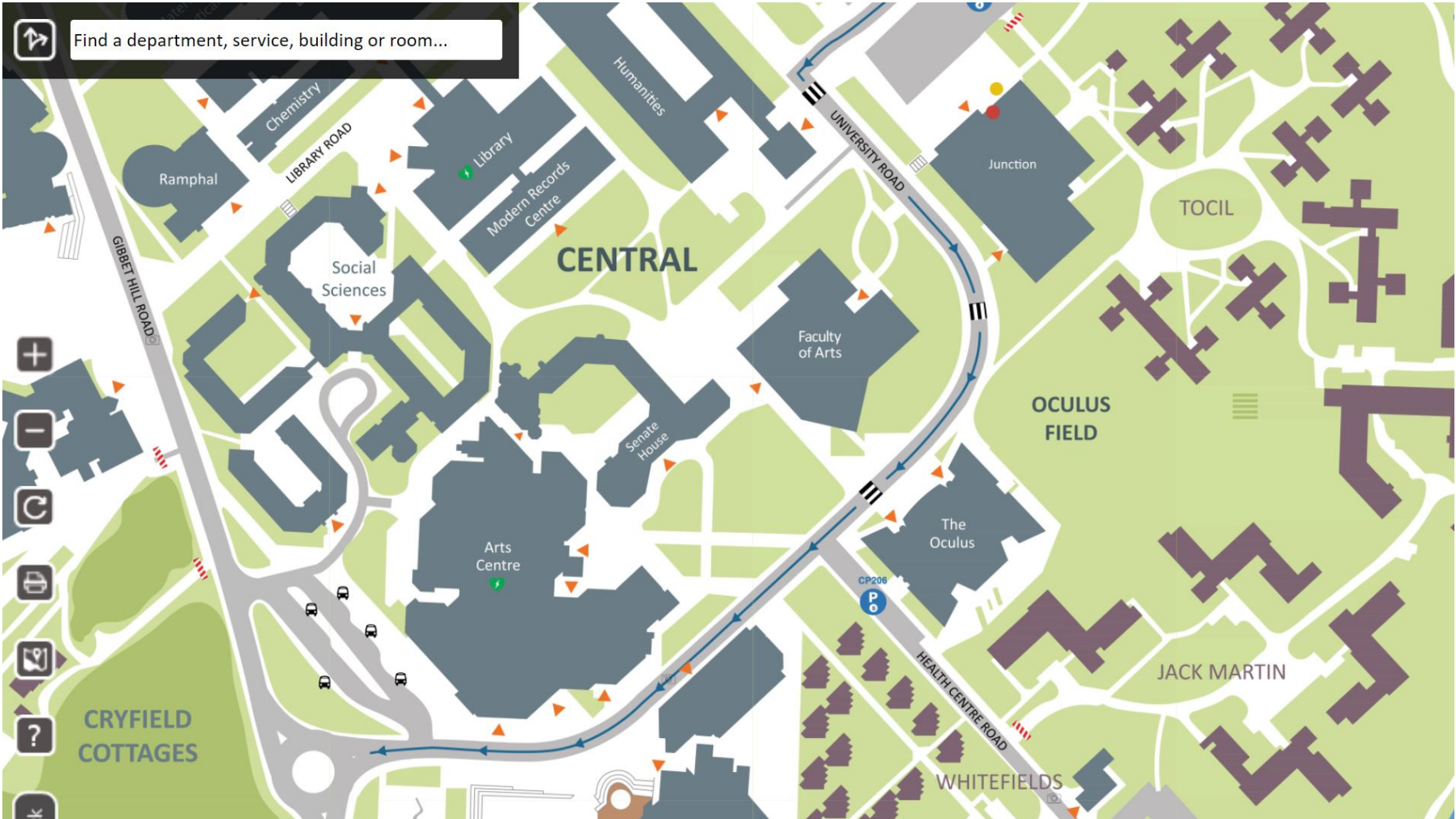
Professor Matthew Clayton

Head of Department

PAIS Welcome Meeting (2023)

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

#WeArePAIS



Outline of this welcome

- ▶ The standing of the department
- ▶ Who am I? My role in PAIS
- ▶ Key people in PAIS
- ▶ Welcome week and the start of term
- ▶ Information on modules
- ▶ The 'value added' student experience – politics society, study abroad, film club etc



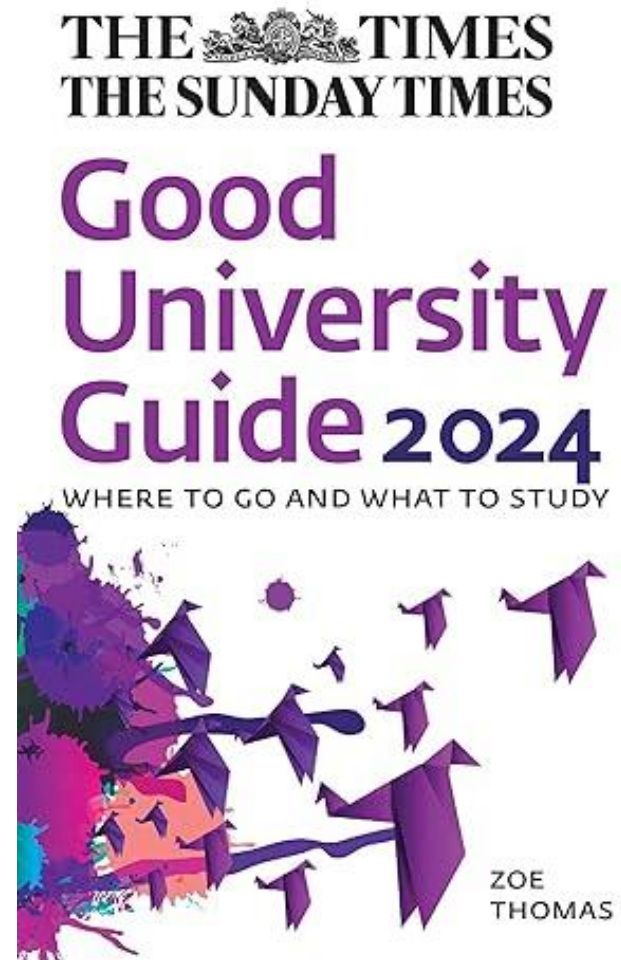
That was then



This is now



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



► PAIS ahead of
Oxford and
Cambridge!



- ▶ 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

In my view PAIS is

- ▶ Modern
- ▶ Dynamic
- ▶ Innovative
- ▶ Friendly
- ▶ Supportive
- ▶ Stimulating
- ▶ And believe it or not – fun! (as well as being a research and teaching leader!)



Our goal and purpose

- ▶ To help you launch yourselves into the world as fully fledged global citizens
- ▶ We teach and we research
- ▶ We teach Politics and International Studies because we love the subject
- ▶ Our research shapes what we teach and, we hope, what will be taught in future (the benefits of cutting edge research!)



We view students as:

- ▶ Partners
- ▶ Collaborators
- ▶ Producers



So – who am I?

- ▶ 24 years in PAIS (student & staff)
- ▶ Teaching background on several of our modules
- ▶ Currently module director of PR21
- ▶ Worked on big research projects – published a number of books and articles
- ▶ Now putting the ‘student experience’ right at the heart of PAIS



I live here too!

- ▶ I currently live on campus too!
- ▶ So you may see me around
- ▶ Say hello if you see me in the Dirty Duck!



Wider Student Experience Team

- ▶ Student Experience Co-Ordinator – **David Hathaway**
 - ▶ 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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Key people in PAIS

- ▶ Professor Matthew Clayton (who welcomed you at the start)



The people who run your degree

- ▶ The PAIS Programmes Team
- ▶ D0.27, PAIS building, Social Sciences (9am – 3pm, Monday to Friday)
- ▶ PAISUG@Warwick.ac.uk
- ▶ The people to speak to with all your administrative queries (e.g. module registration, seminar sign up, 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 messages

- ▶ Please review the information the [UG handbook](#)
- ▶ The handbook is the **definitive** source of information
- ▶ Please note that attendance at seminars is a requirement (monitoring points – viewable in [Tabula](#))



Personal tutor (1)

- ▶ Your personal tutor's name will be on [Tabula](#)
- ▶ First port of call for general academic advice and any difficulties you are facing
- ▶ [Personal tutor checklists](#) to make the meetings as helpful as possible for you
- ▶ Tutors will hold group meetings with students by year group at the beginning of term one



Personal tutor (2)

- ▶ First-year students will meet with their personal tutor in one-to-one meetings in Weeks 1-3 of Term 1
- ▶ During Term 2 students will 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



Pastoral 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](#)
- ▶ [Welcome video from Briony](#)



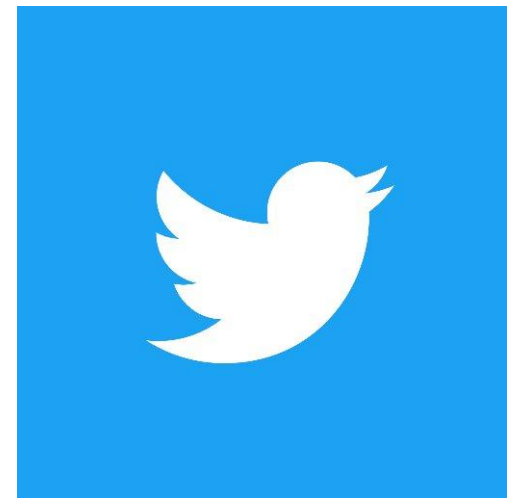
Don't think twice

- ▶ **Don't think twice** about speaking to someone if you have a problem
- ▶ There's lots of people with different roles to remember but the important thing is tell someone and they will signpost you in the right direction



Do think twice

- ▶ **Do think twice** about what you post on social media
- ▶ Consider how it might be read by others, and if you would want yourself associated with that comment in perpetuity



Warwick Values



This programme is aimed at all University of Warwick students and **should be completed as part of your enrolment**.

It communicates your rights and responsibilities as members of the Warwick community, as well as the support options available throughout your time at Warwick:

- Where everyone feels welcomed and safe to be themselves.
- Where everyone is treated with dignity and respect.
- Where there is equal opportunity for all to reach their potential.

You can access the course by clicking on the following Moodle link:

<https://moodle.warwick.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=38595>

By completing this course you confirm that they have read and understood the [Principles](#) of the University and that you agree to be bound by them. If you do not complete the online Warwick Values Moodle your Department will be notified and access to IT account potentially suspended.

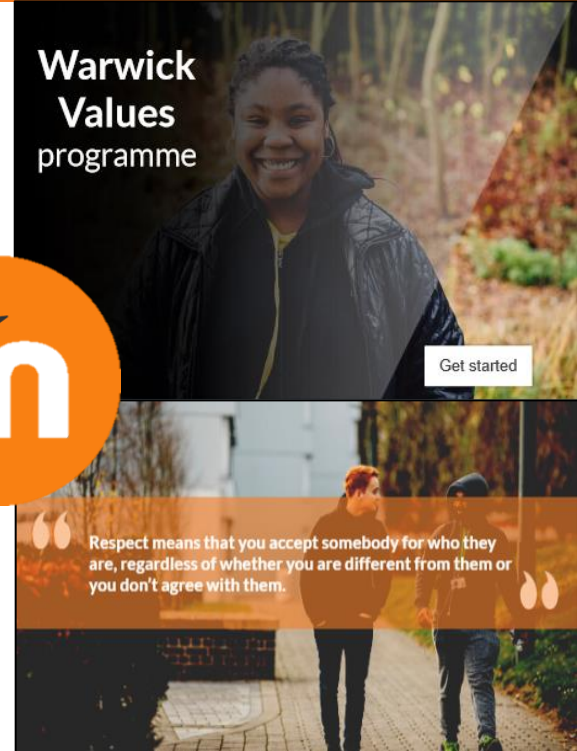
“This Programme is underpinned by our five principles and how we behave as a University community.”



Warwick
Values
programme

Get started

Respect means that you accept somebody for who they are, regardless of whether you are different from them or you don't agree with them.



Report + Support

A confidential online platform



Welcome Week

- ▶ A number of PAIS events in welcome week
- ▶ They should automatically have populated to your timetable
- ▶ Also available to view [here](#)
- ▶ Our [PAIS welcome webpages](#) are also be a helpful source of information



- ▶ PAIS first year social in Fusion, this Wednesday (27th), 5-7pm
- ▶ Drinks voucher on arrival
- ▶ Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks



Seeking information

- ▶ [PAIS Undergraduate Webpages](#) (new design now launched)
- ▶ Your PAIS modules are on [Moodle](#)
- ▶ [Personalised timetable](#)
- ▶ Check your university email regularly
- ▶ [Who to contact in PAIS online guide](#)
- ▶ [Email policy](#) (5 working day turnaround policy)



- ▶ 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



Lectures and seminars

- ▶ PAIS lectures from week 1 (w/b 2nd Oct)
- ▶ PAIS seminars normally start in week 2 (w/b 9th Oct)
- ▶ PAIS Seminars due to open for sign up on Monday 2nd Oct (TBC)
- ▶ Module registration opens Wednesday, 27th September (approx. 9am) (more details [here](#) on how it all works)



Pol/Pol int Optional module(s)

- ▶ PAIS 15 CAT modules – ideally one a term
- ▶ Free to choose an option from other departments as long as willing to take you
- ▶ We encourage the study of languages
- ▶ We would like you to have made your module choices as soon as possible
- ▶ Module places are not guaranteed and so please make your choices promptly



Support through the process

- ▶ For *administrative* queries on your options please speak to the PAIS Programmes Team
- ▶ For *academic* advice please contact me or your personal tutor
- ▶ PAIS modules fair, Wednesday, 11.00-13.00, Microsoft Teams



Academic progression

- ▶ You need to pass ALL required core modules, pass at least 90 credits, and have an overall average of 40 to proceed to your 2nd year
- ▶ To reassure you – the vast majority of students proceed
- ▶ [The right to remedy failure](#)
- ▶ We want you to do well, we are all here to support you



Independent learning

- ▶ Different to school and college
- ▶ Enhances your employability and intrinsic value of a PAIS degree
- ▶ Additional transition to studying in a new country and education system for many



A different approach

- ▶ You aren't in competition with each other - we don't mark to a curve
- ▶ We have marking criteria, not a marking scheme
- ▶ There are many ways of doing well (70+ is a first, 60+ a 2.1).
- ▶ Essay writing skills session in week 5



Advice and feedback hours

- ▶ Lecturers and seminar tutors hold these
- ▶ Seek advice and guidance on specific queries connected to your modules
- ▶ To be held face to face or online
- ▶ Details can be found on [staff web-pages](#)
- ▶ Mine are currently Tuesday's and Thursday's, 1.30pm-2.30pm
(J.Greaves@warwick.ac.uk)



Academic support

- ▶ [Academic \(skills\) support](#)
- ▶ [In-sessional English language classes](#)
- ▶ Extensive employability support available
- ▶ Whilst support is available from day one do not panic about your careers
- ▶ Enjoy your time at University and make the most of all the opportunities



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



IT: an important slide!

- ▶ PAIS uses [e-submission](#) via Tabula for assessed essays – essays returned electronically too!
- ▶ Computer failure not a reason for an extension – please back up your work
- ▶ We have sophisticated software to check for plagiarism – please be careful
- ▶ Chat GPT – not allowed to use AI for essay writing



Tabula!

- ▶ Please do look at the [student guides](#) available online
 - Seminar sign-up [*all our tutors are great, Warwick teaching hour*]
 - (Personal tutor) Meeting records
 - Apply for essay extensions, etc



- ▶ [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)
- ▶ PAIS and Languages – year abroad built into your degree (will be explained in your joint degree session)



PAIS Film Club 23/24



October 10, 2023. Time: 19:00 – 22:00

Venue: FAB0.03.

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

WARWICK POLITICS SOCIETY

Voted 'Best Academic Society' in the 2020 SU Awards, Warwick Politics Society has something for everyone. We hold a diverse range of speaker events featuring high-profile political figures and host some of the largest social events on campus. Through PolSoc you can get involved in radio and print journalism, join our peer mentoring scheme, try out circling, play for our sports teams, access career support and so much more. Join us at our Freshers Week events to meet new people and find out more about what we do!

Perspectives Magazine Launch - Oculus Field, Monday 25th September, 2pm
Meet the Exec - SO.11, Tuesday 26th September, 3:30pm
PolSoc social - Fusion Bar, Thursday 28th September, 7:30pm
Brunch - Varsity, Sunday 1st October, 11am



MENTORING SCHEME



SOCIALS



GUEST SPEAKERS



ANNUAL BALL



FOOTBALL TEAM

PERSPECTIVES



- ▶ I hope to be there when you all collect your degrees at graduation in three or four years time
- ▶ I wish you all the best for the 2023-24 academic year!



Please hand in the
attendance sheets

THANK YOU!