

The PAIS Student Voice

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PAIS Student Ambassadors

- ▶ Thank you to Christine Bradford, our subject librarian
- ▶ The library is an excellent example of where student feedback has made a difference
- ▶ Huge additional investment such as E-Books and Politics Trove



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

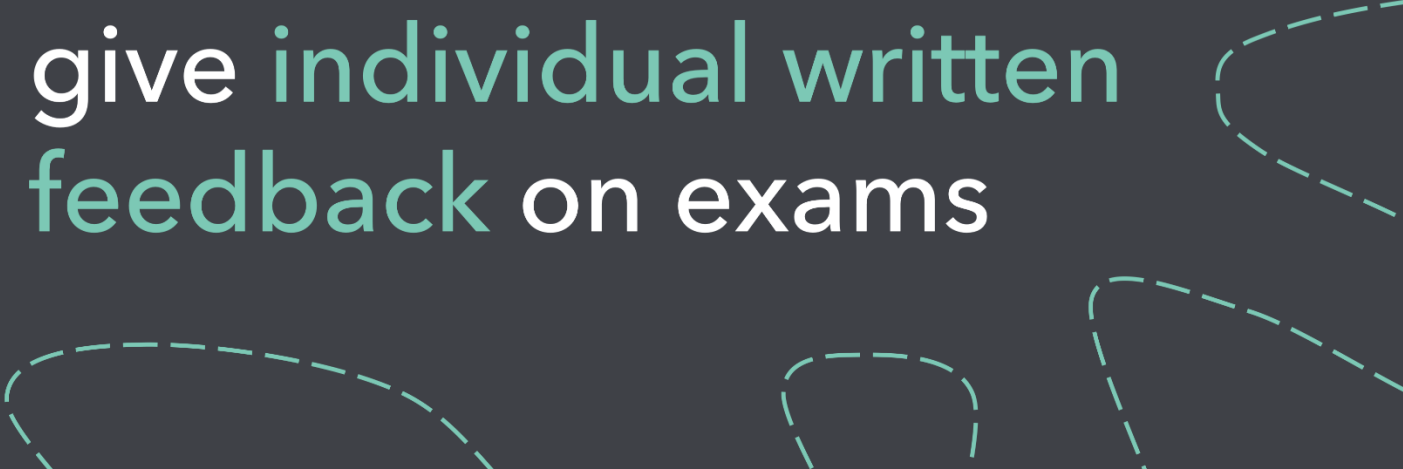


Politics Trove

- ▶ [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



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Warwick departments to
give **individual written**
feedback on exams

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PAIS is **No.1** in the
Russell Group for
student experience

Our ethos

- ▶ In PAIS we pride ourselves in listening to student feedback and acting on it
- ▶ We want PAIS to be the best possible department in which to be a student



- ▶ 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

- This success has been achieved by students and staff working together in partnership
- In PAIS we see our students as partners, collaborators and producers



Feedback methods

- ▶ Student Staff Liaison Committee (SSLC)
- ▶ Module evaluations
- ▶ HOD lunches
- ▶ Teaching Fellow Presentations
- ▶ Informal conversations
- ▶ National Student Survey (NSS)



You said, we did

Ten things we have learned from *your* feedback

Including the **National Student Survey (NSS)**, the Warwick Student Survey, module surveys, the SSLC, your meetings with DSEP, focus groups, Head of Department lunches and individual conversations. Please do continue to provide feedback.

We have also put together a quick guide to understanding the feedback mechanisms PAIS has put in place, and examples of successes each mechanism has brought to the Department. It can be found [here](#).

You said	We did
You said detailed feedback, including verbal feedback, helps you make progress academically.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have included the names of markers on all feedback sheets. This allows you to obtain additional verbal feedback, helping to clarify anything you do not understand. We have promoted feedback as something received when writing an essay or revising for an exam (for example, talking through a plan for an essay or exam answer in an advice and feedback hour). Our formative feedback sheets are designed to provide comprehensive feedback, indicating areas for improvement and providing comments on seminar performance.
You said exam feedback is important to you (in line with the Students' Union Campaign for Departments to provide exam feedback).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PAIS remains one of the only Warwick departments to give individual written feedback on all exams. We go further than just written comments: we give students an opportunity to talk through their exam feedback with the marker. Our feedback sheets for exams are designed to give feedback on each individual exam answer, as well as an overall assessment. We pioneered the use of Tabula and are now using it throughout our programmes to publish feedback electronically.
You asked for the purpose of 'office hours' to be clearer and to indicate the kinds of support you can receive from academic staff.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We re-named office hours 'advice and feedback hours', thereby indicating the seriousness PAIS attaches to feedback and the variety of forms feedback to you can take.
You said you would like even clearer marking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have developed revised and more detailed marking descriptors as outlined in the PAIS Undergraduate handbook. This allows you to understand the marking criteria before you tackle assignments and have been

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



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.)





**Representation
Awards 2018**

SSLC of the Year

This certificate is awarded to

POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES UG SSLC

in recognition of their amazing contribution to Student Representation.

The work of the PAIS SSLC

- ▶ Significant change achieved
 - Changes to second year course structures
 - Automatic final year exam feedback
 - More 15 CAT modules
 - Module pre-registration
- ▶ Feeding into University decision making (personal tutoring, module registration)
- ▶ [Student surveys action plan](#) and modules fair



Students making decisions

- ▶ Departmental committees (as equals with academics and professional services)
 - Education Committee
 - Equality and Diversity Committee
 - Widening Participation Committee
 - Decolonising the Curriculum Working Group



The PAIS SSLCs

- ▶ BA Politics/BA Politics and International Studies/BA Politics and International Studies with Chinese
- ▶ BA Politics and Sociology
- ▶ BA Politics and Modern Languages (French, German, Hispanic Studies, Italian)



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



- ▶ However good we are as a department, we aspire to be even better
- ▶ In order to get better, we would LOVE to hear all your feedback, throughout your three of four years in PAIS



YOU CAN SHAPE
THE FUTURE OF
YOUR
DEPARTMENT

- ▶ Important joint degree sessions this afternoon
- ▶ Please ensure you attend to find out more about your degree programme
 - **Politics and Sociology** – 1pm-2pm, SO.20, Social Sciences, Ground Floor
 - **Politics and a Modern Language** (French, German, Italian, Hispanic Studies) – 4pm-5pm, SO.13, Social Sciences, Ground Floor





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THANK YOU!