

The PAIS Student Voice

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- ▶ 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
- ▶ Please make use of Trove to ensure it continues 😊

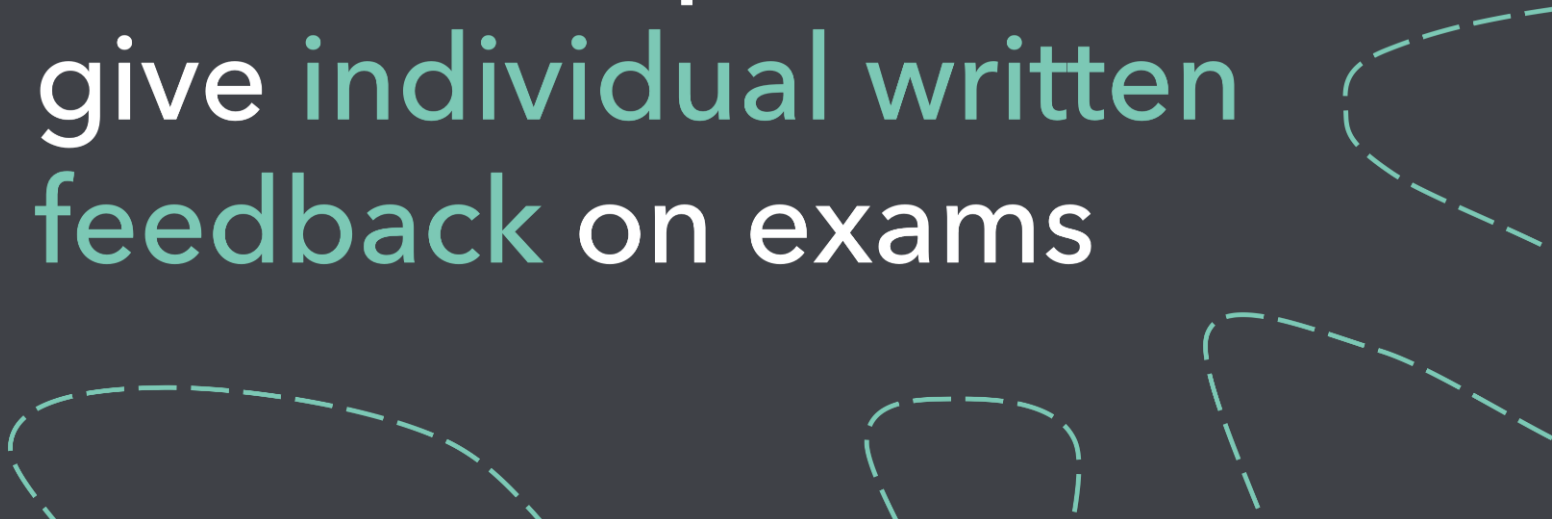


Politics Trove

- ▶ [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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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



- ▶ 2nd in the Russell Group for Politics in the National Student Survey (NSS)



A Decade of Success in the NSS

Year	PAIS position in Russell Group
2025	2 nd
2024	1 st
2023	1 st
2022	1 st
2021	1 st
2020	1 st
2019	2 nd
2018	1 st
2017	2 nd
2016	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.

You said	We did
<p>You said detailed feedback, including verbal feedback, helps you make progress academically.</p>	<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.
<p>You said exam feedback is important to you (in line with the Students' Union Campaign for Departments to provide exam feedback).</p>	<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.
<p>You asked for the purpose of 'office hours' to be clearer and to indicate the kinds of support you can receive from academic staff.</p>	<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.
<p>You said you would like even clearer marking criteria.</p>	<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 updated to reflect the new 20 point marking scale. ▪ We ran a dedicated workshop on the PAIS marking criteria.

- ▶ 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.)



The work of the PAIS SSLC

- ▶ Significant change achieved
 - Changes to assessments
 - Automatic final year exam feedback
 - New modules
 - Module pre-selection
- ▶ 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
- ▶ PAIS Curriculum Review



The PAIS SSLCs

- ▶ BA Politics/BA Politics and International Studies/BA Politics and International Studies with Chinese/BA Global Politics
- ▶ 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, 10th October
- ▶ Voting: opens on Monday 13th October and closes on Friday, 17th 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



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THE FUTURE OF
YOUR
DEPARTMENT

THANK YOU!

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Your Democratic and Academic Representation



Your Democratic Representation

Officer Team



Alijah Taha

He/Him

President



Ananya Sreekumar

She/Her

Education



James Varney

He/They

Democracy &
Development



Maanya Raju

She/Her

Postgraduate



Ollie Chapman

he/him/his

Welfare &
Campaigns



Adam Skrzymowski

Societies



Louis Gosling

He/Him

Sports

Your Democratic Representation

Your Part-Time Student Officers

You also elect Part-Time Student Officers who work with us whilst continuing their studies at Warwick. They represent the interests of specific groups of students, running campaigns and raising awareness of the experience these students face at Warwick and beyond.



Harriet Paget
They/Them

Ruby Deakin
She/Her

Disabled
Students' Officers



**Helena
Ratcliffe**
She/Her

Environment and
Ethics Officer



Riann Mehta
He/They

Ethnic Minorities
Officer



Jessie Yu
She/Her

Mattie Oke
He/They

LGBTQUA+
Officers



Lillian Dove
She/They

Trans Students'
Officer



**Sihaam
Hassan**
She/Her

Widening
Participation
Officer



Katie Todd
She/Her

Women's Officer



Elections for Forums and other PTO's

Your Academic Representation

The SU's Academic Representation system ensures that students have a say on their educational experience here at Warwick.

We currently have 300+ course reps who have been elected by students to represent the interests of those on their course.

Students can provide feedback to their Course Rep, which they then discuss with their Department at a Student Staff Liaison Committee.

This can lead to constructive changes to the course, such as receiving specific learning resources, improvements to timetabling, or continuing aspects of a course that students have enjoyed.

To nominate yourself please scan the QR code below or ask your Academic Convener about how to nominate.



Your Support and Advice

Your Support and Advice

Free, confidential, impartial and non-judgemental advice, independent from the University.

Personal
Issues

Housing
Advice

Course-
related
problems

Immigra-
tion issues

Finance and
Funding

Support
Sign-
posting

University
Complaints/
Disciplinary
Proceedings

The service is easy to access, just fill out an enquiry form at warwicksu.com/help-support/ and one of our expert advisors will reach out within 2 working days.

Your Campaigns and Ideas



Ideas





Your Socialising



Your Socialising

Our Food and Drink Outlets



the terrace bar



We run a packed programme of events throughout the year, from club nights in the Copper Rooms to our Pub Quiz in the Dirty Duck, to dog-petting sessions in exam season, as well as supporting hundreds of student groups in running their own events.

Over 60 Sports Clubs!

Over 250 Societies!



All revenue from our outlets goes straight back into delivering services for Warwick students!

Any questions?

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