
POLITICS & ECONOMICS

Course Overview **2023**



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AT A GLANCE

Price: £5,995

Ages: 16-17

Duration: 2 weeks

Starting Dates: 2nd July, 16th July, 30th July 2023

Location: Oxford College

Ideal for ambitious students wishing to develop their understanding of the political and economic foundations of the contemporary world in preparation for future studies. On this course you will broaden your knowledge of key concepts and evaluate the ideologies and values at

the heart of different political systems, gaining an understanding of international geopolitical trends. Through the development of your own political campaigns in our active collaborative project, you will apply your newfound knowledge and develop key presentation skills and interpersonal skills.

Our unique Industry

Experience programme will give you authentic insight into life and studies in politics and economics while being able to rub shoulders with professionals in the field. Topics studied on the course include economic growth, public spending, taxation, economic systems, parliament, and political parties.

SAMPLE TIMETABLE

WEEK ONE

8.45-9.00	Morning Assembly				
9.00-10.30	Politics Seminar <i>Introduction to Politics: History and Schools of Thought</i>	Politics Lecture <i>Key Terminology</i>	Keynote Lecture	Economics Lecture <i>Macroeconomics and public spending</i>	Economics Seminar <i>Taxation and GDP</i>
11.00-12.30	Politics Time to Shine: A Politics Case Study <i>Research and preparation for a political presentation.</i>				
13.30-14.45	Politics Practical Workshop: <i>What is Politics Today?</i>	Politics Seminar <i>Forms of Democracy</i>	Industry Experience	Politics Seminar <i>Threats to Democracy</i>	Keynote Lecture <i>Leadership By Visiting Academic</i>
15.00-16.15		Academic Coaching: <i>Interview Preparation</i>		Academic Coaching: <i>Writing a personal statement</i>	Academic Coaching: <i>Public Speaking Skills</i>
16.15-18.15	Free Time <i>Tutorials once per week, 16.30-17.30</i> <i>Career Counselling Clinic, 16.30-17.30</i>				

WEEK TWO

8.45-9.00	Morning Assembly				
9.00-10.30	Politics Seminar <i>Forms of Election</i>	Politics Lecture <i>Future Political Systems</i>	Keynote Lecture	Economics Lecture <i>Microeconomics and Policy</i>	Economics Seminar <i>New theories of Economy</i>
11.00-12.30	Politics Time to Shine: A Politics Case Study <i>Research and preparation for a political presentation.</i>				
13.30-14.45	Politics Practical Workshop: <i>Public Opinion and Policy Making</i>	Politics Seminar <i>Authoritarianism and Non-Democracy</i>	Industry Experience	Politics Seminar <i>Suffrage and Inclusion</i>	Keynote Lecture <i>Success in Academia By Visiting Academic</i>
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TIME TO SHINE

Time to Shine title: *The Campaign Trail: The Oxford College Election 2023*

Time to Shine description: Mastering the art of public speaking is essential for any successful political career. Throughout the programme, students will participate in an assignment in which they will develop a campaign for a political election. This project will culminate in the students giving a 10-minute campaign speech and presentation, followed by an election in which the whole college participates.

What you'll learn

- Advanced concepts in political theory, including types of governance and elections.
- Macro- and microeconomics, and the role they play in how states are governed.
- Trends in globalisation, and the issues faced by global integration.
- The causes of conflict and instability, both locally and globally.
- Take part in our exciting *Campaign Trail* Time to Shine project, in which you and your classmates will campaign for election to the Oxford College student council.
- Through fun and engaging lesson activities, develop and apply your 21st century skills, such as critical thinking, communication skills, collaborative skills, and original thinking.

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INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

A highlight of our academic programme is our **Industry Experience** afternoons, where students take part in a series of workshops and lectures led by top industry professionals and academics in their respective fields. The Industrial Experience element of our courses provides a profound level of insight so that students can further make informed decisions as to whether their future career choices are right for them. Our College students will be introduced to a real-world professional environment in their chosen field of study, where they will absorb knowledge through workshops, lectures and Q&As.

Visit the home of British democracy, the Houses of Parliament. Take the guided tour to learn more about how this centre of power operates, and learn how politicians work together to govern one of the world's oldest democracies.

