

Politics affects the day-to-day life of citizens globally. The decisions made by those in power and what led them to make these decisions has always been an area of intrigue for me. To learn, in great depth, about why people act the way they do, policies and their effects, and international politics has always been a true aspiration of mine.

I grew up in a very politically active household. My mum was, and still is, very active within the UNISON trade union and would often take me along with her during industrial strike action. I would watch the news with her at the time of a general election while she would explain to me what it all meant. It was moments like those that encouraged me to become so passionate about politics. It was in my teenage years that I took an interest as to why people behave the way they do. The concept of the mind is fascinating to me, and I am eager to learn more about it.

This course is perfect for me to study. I am enthusiastic to better educate myself and hopefully achieve a career involving the subjects I am most passionate about. I have always aspired to go to university and study these areas. The social subjects are what I have always excelled in, and I wish to continue this as I enjoy them a lot.

The qualifications I have gained and am in the process of attaining are highly relevant to my chosen course. They have given me the best possible preparation to excel in the course and carry out my study to the very best of my abilities.

This year I am attending The Hub at Glasgow Caledonian University to study advanced higher modern studies. So far, this experience has given me key insight into what university life is like. This has also made me a much more independent learner and has improved my skills when collaborating with fellow pupils on a project. Currently having a job as well as attending school full time has also vastly improved my time management as it requires me to juggle my time for school, studying, and work. Overall, I believe this year has made me a more mature and independent student and has greatly improved my skillset to better my education.

This academic year I am taking upon several roles and responsibilities such as school captain, prefect, social subjects ambassador, and leader of the Rights Respecting School award, helping to lead the school to gaining their silver award. These roles I am taking part in this year have given me great responsibility which I hope can improve the learning environment and morale of pupils within my school as I feel passionately about everyone having an equal and safe learning space. I am fully dedicated and committed to these roles, and I am excited to work within them. I believe I showed my dedication when I won the Dux award of my school for 2022. This award is a great achievement of mine, and I am very proud of it as it took a lot of hard work to attain my best possible results.

I currently do voluntary work for a charity of my aunties. The charity takes in dogs that have previously been abused, mostly from Romania, and works with these dogs to rehabilitate them and find them a safe, happy home. I contribute to this by feeding the dogs, walking them, playing with them, and any other way I can possibly help. I love helping others and that's why this course is ideal for me as it allows me to learn necessary information that I can one day hopefully put to good use. I have also completed work experience with Brodies LLP. The PRIME law work experience allowed me to expand my current skillset by improving my abilities of analysis and evaluation of scenarios.

After completing the course, I would love to apply my knowledge in the field of social research. It is a career that has interested me for a long time, and a career I would like to pursue. The knowledge I would gain from this course would be essential to pursuing this career and would best prepare me to carry out research to the highest standard possible.