

WQE is one of the largest sixth form providers in England; a large twin-site college, centrally located in the city of Leicester. The College's most recent Ofsted inspection was in 2024 where we received a Grade 2 (Good) for Overall Effectiveness.

WQE aims to develop young professionals to be qualified to Level 3 and ready to progress to Level 4. We recognise that our students join us from a diverse range of backgrounds and are responsive to individual needs to support all students in a successful transition from school to Post-16 education.

We actively encourage you start engaging with us at this early opportunity, to consider your subject choices and ensure you are in the best possible position to be prepared for making your Post-16 choices at the start of Year 11.

The task outlined below will give you an idea of what this Level 3 course involves. We welcome you to have a try and develop your understanding of the subject. You may wish to talk to Curriculum Staff about this during our Open Day in November or at other opportunities during the Admissions process.

A Level Politics requires you to be curious about current affairs and having an interest in understanding the world around you, yet critical and be able to look at a political question from both sides of the argument.

TASK 1: How can we get young people between 16-24 more interested in politics

Watch this inspiring Ted Talk by David Pavlu from Switzerland, who makes a case for why better political education is important to engage the youth in politics processes such as voting.

[David Pavlu: Are young people interested in politics? | TED Talk](#)

Reflect on what David Pavlu says and write a paragraph on what ***you think could be done to make young people between 16-24 years old (even) more interested in politics.***

TASK 2: Should 16-year-olds get the right to vote – make a case!

Politics at A level will require you to make judgements about issues. Recently, Keir Starmer (the Leader of the Labour Party) has said that he would reduce the voting age for General Elections from 18 to 16 years.

Read the following Guardian article:

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2023/may/26/keir-starmer-young-people-vote-tory-wins-elections>

Write down your own judgment on paper. Should we lower the voting age from 18 to 16 for General Elections, and why?

TASK 3: Watch the latest Question Time debate on BBC iPlayer.

Following political debates and understanding what the current political and economic issues are, and how these can or should be solved by our government is an important part of studying politics.

Question Time on BBC 1 on Thursdays is a topical debate programme in which guests from the worlds of politics and the media answer questions posed by members of the public.

Watch the latest Question Time on BBC iPlayer and ask a friend or family members to join in with you. Discuss the questions that are being debated on the programme together.

The latest episode can be found here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b006t1q9/question-time>

TASK 4: Know who your local MP is.

Go to: <https://www.theyworkforyou.com/> and enter your postcode in the search field. Your local MP and information about their topics of interest, functions, and responsibilities, how they typically vote in Parliament etc will come up.

Read through the information about your local MP and look at information that you would consider useful for yourself in order to make a decision to whether you would support this MP, or not.