**Applied for:** Politics and Politics & International Business

**Offers received:**

Nottingham Trent University – 112 points

Manchester Metropolitan University – 104 points

Sheffield Hallam University – 104 points

University of East London – 80 points

The important and relevance of Politics and Sociology has never been greater; they form a
natural extension to the things I find interesting in life. In a world that contains alternative facts and the possibility of a post-truth order operating under new rules and conventions, I am relishing the opportunity to live, learn and develop at university.

During my studies, I have gained a keen interest for observing politics and a genuine desire
to understand how opinions form, and how this will affect our lives now and in the future. I enjoy travel and have been fortunate to discover many different cultures. Whilst recently traveling in India, a newly formed democracy with a huge and diverse population, I started to contemplate the subjective happiness of people in developing countries compared with rich western democracies. In Vietnam, I also observed a healthy happy nation under a functioning Communist rule.

Reading newspapers and political periodicals keep me up to date with political developments. My political awareness and analytical skills help me to analyse and understand fascinating and developing issues such as Brexit. My EPQ examined the degree to which people were prepared to admit that they were influenced by the media. The study included assessing the effect on voting among the older and younger demographics. The result of the study largely coincided with that of national studies where Brexit voting was found to be significantly affected by age. My analytical and debating skills were developed in Debating Matters where I represented my school team in Oxford. We enjoyed the challenge of arguing the case for the free use of anonymised medical data.

Practical experience in the workplace has come through a challenging work experience with a leading management consultant recruitment agency who typically place candidates with the "big four" accountancy firms. During the week, I was trusted to research candidates for a specific role, one of whom was put forward to the client. My placement was in London, where I was fortunate enough to be able to visit the Houses of Parliament attending a dinner held by the Institute of Directors' and the All Parliamentary Committee for Trade and Development in China. The dinner coincided with the appointment of Boris Johnson MP as Foreign Secretary giving the opportunity to discuss and hear the views of politicians from both houses, Chinese business people, and all parts across the political spectrum on this appointment.

My first experience of work was volunteering at a local care home, serving meals, socialising and enjoying board games with the residents. It was sad to observe the effects of dementia on a resident that I met there but it was in some ways amusing to note that it had not affected her ability to beat me handsomely at scrabble each week! I gained a huge satisfaction from seeing her gain confidence from a form of communication she could still do.

My sporting interests are wide and varied including tennis, badminton and playing hockey and cricket competitively. The village cricket club allows me to get involved in team sports,
whilst getting actively involved in the local community. I regularly volunteer my time at the
ground and I have taken part in fundraising events such as Cancer Research where I won the local Race for Life. Last year, I qualified as a qualified Hockey England Umpire and have already officiated a number of competitive matches for my local club and the local university
Ladies Hockey Club. I use the fitness suite and gymnasium to help me keep me healthy and fit, in body and in mind. I enjoy walking in the hills, which I have done with friends and as part of my Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award.

To be able to study a constantly changing subject like politics and its impacts on our society
at university would be a privilege and one that I would fully immerse myself in with enthusiasm. I feel I have the skills to be successful on this course.