



WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES NEWSLETTER

YEAR 10

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Dear Student/Parent/Carer,
Recording interactions on Unifrog

Could you let Mrs Farmer know if you take part in any virtual or in person opportunities advertised in this Newsletter please? It is important that young people keep an electronic record of all the interactions you have with Further Education, Higher Education and employers. Please email ffarmer@toothillschool.co.uk with the date of the activity and the name of the activity.

Enjoy

The Toot Hill Careers Team

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Career of the week

Political scientist



What you'll do

Your day-to-day will include tasks such as:

- Interpret and analyze policies, public issues, legislation, or the operations of governments, businesses, and organizations.
- Maintain current knowledge of government policy decisions.
- Evaluate programs and policies, and make related recommendations to institutions and organizations.
- Develop and test theories, using information from interviews, newspapers, periodicals, case law, historical papers, polls, or statistical sources.
- Collect, analyze, and interpret data such as election results and public opinion surveys, reporting on findings, recommendations, and conclusions.
- Write drafts of legislative proposals, and prepare speeches, correspondence, and policy papers for governmental use.
- Forecast political, economic, and social trends.
- Consult with and advise government officials, civic bodies, research agencies, the media, political parties, and others concerned with political issues.
- Disseminate research results through academic publications, written reports, or public presentations.

Record relevant activities you've already done on the [Activities tool](#)

Working hours and environment

Most people say the following:

- Work With Work Group or Team: Important.
- Work Schedules: Regular (established routine, set schedule).
- Spend Time Sitting: More than half the time.
- Responsibility for Outcomes and Results: Limited responsibility.
- Freedom to Make Decisions: A lot of freedom.
- Duration of Typical Work Week: More than 40 hours.
- Coordinate or Lead Others: Fairly important.

Career path and progression

There are opportunities available in many types of organisation, including:

- central government – political researchers work in the main government departments (see government social research officer), as well as for the Scottish government
- local government departments – particularly social services, housing, education and chief executive
- large and small research agencies
- higher education institutions.

If you're working in higher education, you'll either be employed in a large research centre, which employs both permanent and fixed-term research staff, or a university teaching department, where researchers are often employed on fixed-term contracts of one or two years.

Skills required

You'll need skills in:

- Reading Comprehension
- Speaking
- Active Listening
- Critical Thinking
- Writing

Got evidence of these skills? Record your examples on the [Skills tool](#)

Entry requirements

Most employers will expect you to have the minimum of a good degree (2:1 or higher) in Politics.

Some of the large research agencies run graduate training schemes and you may need a 2:1 or above to be considered for a place.

If you want to work in the higher education sector, a PhD may be particularly useful as an advanced understanding of subject-specific academic methodology is often appreciated.

Related Know-how guides

Explore Know-how guides related to this career:

- [Understanding the political spectrum](#)
- [What is capitalism?](#)
- [What is socialism?](#)

Related university subject profiles

These university subjects are related to this career; check out their profiles on the Subjects library:

- [African studies](#)
- [North and South American studies](#)
- [Anthropology](#)
- [Asian studies](#)
- [Classical studies](#)
- [Economics](#)
- [European studies](#)
- [History](#)
- [Modern Middle Eastern studies](#)
- [Philosophy](#)
- [Politics and International relations](#)
- [Social policy](#)
- [Sociology](#)
- [Data science](#)
- [Theology and Religion](#)
- [Liberal arts and sciences](#)

Related career profiles

You may also be interested in:

- [Higher education lecturer](#)
- [Sociologist](#)
- [Policy adviser](#)

Explore

Labour Market Information (LMI)

UK Current Jobs

Natural and social science professionals (SOC3)

UK jobs: 126,500

Nottinghamshire jobs: 1,770 (15th of 214 UK LEAs)

Top 5 LEAs: Cambridgeshire (6,508), Oxfordshire (6,223), Hertfordshire (4,003), Surrey (3,546), Kent (3,304)

UK Salary

Social and humanities scientists (SOC4)

UK annual median: £32,277

Natural and social science professionals (SOC3)

UK annual median: £38,437

East Midlands annual median: £37,003

Top 3 regions: London (£41,036), South East (£39,690), East of England (£39,270)

UK Prospects

Science, research, engineering and technology professionals (SOC2)

UK growth: +9.1% from 2017 to 2027, creating 159,466 jobs

East Midlands growth: +10.7% from 2017 to 2027, creating 12,438 jobs

EDEXEL (A) ECONOMICS A-LEVEL

Daring to know in this subject:

- Consider reading both Macroeconomics and Microeconomics reading lists to further your understanding of the subject. Both lists include podcasts, further reading material and documentaries/videos to aid your study of Economics at A-Level.

Taking Economics further:

- University: Degrees in economics allow students to have the possibility of a career in the Financial Services Industry - this ranges from investment banking to accountancy and is a major part of the UK economy.
- Apprenticeships: These include major banks and financial service providers including insurance companies - but there are many other types of jobs available with economics.
- If you are studying/planning to study business/mathematics economics is a great addition as when combined with these courses, it is easier to access certain degrees and apprenticeships.

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Course Information:

- Economics was defined as "an inquiry into the nature and causes of the wealth of nations" by Adam Smith.
- The course is 100% examination based - no coursework!
- This course has 3 Papers and 4 themes.

Fun facts:

- Economics has been influenced by key thinkers such as Adam Smith, John Maynard Keynes and Milton Friedman.
- Economics is important to learn about as it encapsulates the common problem of having unlimited wants but scarce resources.
- What inspired me to take Economics? I was inspired to take this course as I am interested in finance and the appeal of not having coursework!

Slide by Edward Preece-Herrett

BOOTS VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE (YR 10)

If you are interested in a virtual work experience with Boots to find out about what Careers they offer in Head Office please see the attached guidebook.

It is possible for you to do this at home or in School. Please let me know if you apply ffarmer@toothillschool.co.uk

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