

The Language of Politics

A one-day conference for pupils

Language is a fundamental building block of politics. Diplomatic negotiations, political campaigning, understanding of political cultures, and attitudes toward ideological difference play a crucial role in the current geopolitical situation. Yet how do we understand this cultural realm of the political? Throughout the world vital questions are being asked about globalisation, politics and cultural diversity, national and global identity.

These questions are at the heart of **The Language of Politics**. If you're in Year 11 or Year 12 and currently studying at a state school, you can apply now for this free, one-day conference at King's College London. Around 50 participants will have the opportunity to work together with leading King's academics to explore cutting-edge research in politics and linguistic diversity.

You'll take part in a variety of activities led by the departments of European & International Studies and Modern Foreign Languages. There will be sessions on ways to utilise cultural understanding and language learning in the study of social sciences. Seminars and interactive discussions cover timely topics such as populism or the creation of national identities via historical narratives.

You'll gain experience of university-level seminar teaching, be exposed to new materials and languages, and be encouraged to make full use of the diverse cultural opportunities London has to offer. There will also be the opportunity to meet current students and find out more about degree-level study, as well as a careers workshop.

We understand how difficult it can be to choose a subject to study at university, and want to give you the opportunity to find out more about subjects you may not have studied at school. But we'll also address themes, topics and skills relevant to A-levels you might be studying already and perhaps want to take further (eg History, Modern Languages, Philosophy or Politics). Attending the conference will give you confidence in dealing with new material that you can take back to subjects you're studying at school.

Who is eligible?

The conference is open to Year 11 and Year 12 students at state schools.

We're looking for gifted and enthusiastic students with a real interest in studying an international, political, cultural, or language-based degree at university.

Where and when will it take place?

The conference is based at the King's College London Strand Campus.

It will take place on 1 June 2018, from 10.00 to 17.00.

How to apply

Apply online by 14 May 2018 following this link:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/26UEA/>

Questions or problems?

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