

Young Strathclyde: Accelerate

Politics Challenge

23rd to 27th June 2025

Accelerate is a one-week programme, held at the University of Strathclyde, for pupils who have just gone into S5 and S6. It aims to provide a targeted focus on the pupils' chosen area of academic interest, giving them a head start on the road to their chosen career.

There are nine areas that you can choose from in 2025, depending on your career aspirations:

- **Business**
- **Chemistry**
- **Chemical Engineering**
- **Computer Science**
- **Education**
- **Electronic & Electrical Engineering**
- **Law**
- **Politics**
- **Product Design**

Teams of academic experts have put together week-long Challenges in each of these areas that will allow pupils to find out all about their area of interest and the career opportunities open to them. Led by undergraduate and postgraduate student mentors from the relevant fields, pupils will undertake a variety of group challenges, as well as attending career workshops and getting a chance to see what student life is like.

The Politics Challenge: Outline

The Politics Challenge has three main aims:

- To provide you with insight and information about the various academic courses and work opportunities that there are in the field of Politics.
- To allow you to discuss career and education options with a wide variety of professionals and academics while being treated as a real University student for the week.
- To allow you to take part in group challenges that will allow you to put into practice the Politics expertise that you will gain during the week.

University staff and professionals working in our Department of Government & Public Policy will be on hand throughout the week as a resource of advice and information and to support you through your group tasks.



Participants will:

- Hear from various guest speakers through a series of mini lectures on various political topics;
- Work towards a group presentation at the end of the week on a chosen political topic, and produce an individual essay on the topic.

By allowing you to see how Politics works in the real world and to take part in your own court case, we are sure that this challenge will make you feel much more enthusiastic about Politics and going on to study at University.

During the programme, our Politics careers and industry event will also allow you to see the future opportunities available to you and the whole week will offer you a taste of what it is really like to be a University student.

The Politics challenge has official accreditation on the SCQF Framework. This means that there will be some assessment on this challenge and, should you pass this, you will gain 10 credits at level 7. Level 7 is the same as Advanced Higher or first year University work.

What previous Accelerate Challenge participants have said about the programme:

“I really enjoyed this opportunity to learn more about what a university course would be like and learn more about an area I would like to pursue.”

“The Politics Accelerate challenge is something that I thoroughly enjoyed and would've never thought was this good.”

“The programme was a fantastic opportunity, I have made great friends and I have grown more confident.”

“Helped me understand what Uni life is like and helped me get to know Strathclyde University.”

“Accelerate was a great opportunity to get a major insight into Strathclyde that I would not have been able to see through open days.”



“I would love to take part again if given the chance.”

“I liked meeting new people and working with them, especially the mentors as they were incredibly friendly and helpful throughout.”

“The Accelerate programme was necessary for me to become more confident and improve my team working skills.”

For further information, visit:

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