

DAISY COOPER (P97-99)

She was born in 1981 and after leaving the College she initially worked in Commonwealth affairs for 10 years, campaigning for improved LGBT+ rights abroad and against human rights violations in Zimbabwe and Sri Lanka. She also spent time working for VSO, for the Hacked Off campaign for victims of press abuse, and for the cross-party group More United. She also took part in the "Save the St Albans Pubs" campaign.

Her political career started in 2010 when she was the Liberal Democrat candidate for Suffolk Coastal constituency in the general election, where she came second. She stood for President of the Liberal Democrats in 2014, coming second to Sal Brinton.

In the 2015 general election she stood in Mid Sussex, where she came fourth. In the 2017 general election she was the Liberal Democrat candidate for St Albans, when she came second. In 2019 she ran in Jo Swinson's leadership campaign.

In 2019 she stood again in St Albans, winning the seat from the sitting Conservative MP, Anne Main, who had held the seat since 2005. She became the first Liberal Democrat MP for the constituency and she was one of the ten new MPs from all political parties chosen by *The Guardian* as being the new MPs to keep an eye on. She was named as the party's justice, culture, media and sport spokesperson in January 2020.

