

# UNITED KINGDOM

## Secretary of State for Culture, Olympics, Media and Sport

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### Rt Hon Jeremy HUNT

Born on 1 November 1966 in Surrey  
Married, one child

He went to Charterhouse school in Godalming, a town where two different generations of his family have lived for nearly 60 years.

After leaving school, he studied at Oxford University, where he graduated with a first class honours degree in Politics, Philosophy and Economics. He then went on to work for a management consultancy firm before going to Japan for two years where he taught English and learnt Japanese.

On his return to the UK, Jeremy set up his own educational publishing business, Hotcourses. The company, which employs over 200 people, has become the UK's largest publisher of guides and websites to help people find the right course or college (<http://www.hotcourses.com>). He also set up a charity to help AIDS orphans in Africa in which he continues to play an active role ([www.hotcoursesfoundation.org](http://www.hotcoursesfoundation.org)).

May 2010

He was re-elected as Member of Parliament for South West Surrey, increasing the Conservative majority from 5711 to 16,318.

2005

On first becoming an MP he increased the Conservative majority from 861 to 5711. He is well-known locally for his supermarket surgeries and has campaigned actively on local issues including overdevelopment and local NHS services. He was closely involved in the successful fights to prevent the closure of the Royal Surrey and Milford Hospitals.

- December 2005 he was appointed Shadow Minister for Disabled People, where he successfully campaigned for the BBC to increase the amount of subtitling on its programmes. He also campaigned strongly for simplification of the benefits system for disabled people and individual social care budgets.
- July 2007 he was appointed to the Shadow Cabinet as Shadow Secretary of State for Culture Media and Sport where he has campaigned for more philanthropy for the arts, local TV, superfast broadband, a schools Olympics and a strengthened domestic tourism industry.
- May 2010 He was appointed Secretary of State for Culture, Olympics, Media and Sport in the new Conservative - Liberal Democrat coalition.