

# YOUR SCHOOL, YOUR UK PARLIAMENT

Free school visits, teacher training, resources and outreach programmes



## WELCOME



Inform, engage and empower young people to understand and get involved in the work of Parliament, politics and democracy.

The UK Parliament runs a range of educational programmes and activities, and supports Members of both Houses of Parliament in their work with young people.

Our dedicated Education Centre provides young people with the opportunity to visit and learn about their democracy through an engaging and diverse series of workshops.

The UK Parliament also runs an outreach programme in schools across the UK, provides teacher training and offers a range of curriculum based resources to support teaching about Parliament and democracy.



'The children have thoroughly enjoyed their learning with you and have been engaged and curious to the point where they are continuing to ask questions. Absolutely fantastic!'

(Primary school teacher)

# VISIT THE UK PARLIAMENT



Schools can visit Parliament's Education Centre and take part in a themed workshop and tour or book a guided Democratic Access tour of the Houses of Parliament.

## **EDUCATION CENTRE VISITS**

The Education Centre has five themed learning spaces where school visitors can learn about the UK Parliament. These spaces use interactive 360° projections, voting pods and tablet technology.

Learning programmes link to a range of subjects across the UK curricula for ages 5-18 and explore different aspects of the role, work and history of Parliament.

All programmes include a tour of the Houses of Parliament and the opportunity to meet your local MP (subject to parliamentary business).

- Tour only programmes (including an introductory film) are I hour 30 minutes
- Tour and workshop programmes are 2 hours 15 minutes
- Each session can accommodate a maximum of 32 people (including accompanying adults)
- Optional space for groups who are booked on workshop programmes to eat packed lunches





#### **HOW TO APPLY**

Find programme information, including visits for pupils with special education needs and disabilities (SEND) and how to book at:

www.parliament.uk/schoolvisits

Bookings are generally made a term ahead but short notice bookings are available at: www.parliament.uk/ shortnoticebookings

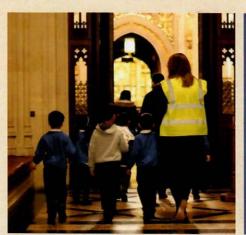
#### **DEMOCRATIC ACCESS TOURS**

Democratic Access tours are available to school groups free of charge.

These tours are sponsored by an MP or a member of the House of Lords.

A trained guide will accompany you on a tour of the Palace of Westminster and explain how the business and traditions of both Houses contribute to the day to day workings of the UK Parliament.

- Tours are I hour 15 minutes
- The maximum group size for a tour is 25 people



#### **HOW TO APPLY**

Schools should contact their local MP or a member of the House of Lords to arrange a tour.

These tours can be booked up to six months in advance. Since demand can be high, early booking is recommended although not always essential. Short notice availability can be found at www.parliament.uk/visiting

Find your local MP or a member of the House of Lords at: www.parliament.uk





#### TRAVEL SUBSIDY

Groups of young people making education visits to Parliament from UK constituencies may be eligible for a transport subsidy to help with the costs of travel to and from London.

For more details and eligibility criteria, please visit:

www.parliament.uk/transport-subsidy



## **IN YOUR SCHOOL**



Not every school in the UK can get to London to visit the Houses of Parliament, so here are some of the ways we can help bring the UK Parliament to your classroom.

#### **SCHOOL WORKSHOPS**

Our Outreach Officers go into schools and deliver inspiring assemblies and workshops.

These free, curricula linked sessions support pupils to discover what the UK Parliament is, how it is relevant to them and how they can get involved and be active citizens.

#### **HOW TO APPLY**

Take a look at our workshops, then complete the online form to apply for a visit:

www.parliament.uk/educationoutreach

We reserve the right to prioritise certain requests to guarantee a proportionate geographic and demographic split of schools.

- Sessions suitable for students aged 7-18
- · Available for schools across the UK
- Linked to curricula for England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland
- Workshop topics include making laws, campaigning for change, elections and debating
- Workshops in Wales can be delivered in either Welsh or English

WE VISIT SCHOOLS ACROSS THE UK



#### **LOAN BOX**

Bring Parliament to life in your classroom with this box of resources containing a variety of props, backdrops and replica items.

Each Loan Box is supported by a teacher's resource booklet containing ideas for starter activities, lesson plans, worksheets and topical questions. Suitable for students aged 7-14.

#### **HOW TO APPLY**

Loan Boxes must be pre-booked via an online booking form and are available for half-termly loan periods. All deliveries and collections are arranged by UK Parliament and are free of charge.

Find out more at: www.parliament.uk/loanboxes





Image courtesy of London South East Colleges

#### **PEERS IN SCHOOLS**

Apply for a member of the House of Lords to visit your secondary school or sixth form college to talk to students about their work and role in Parliament.

The Peers in Schools programme raises awareness of the House of Lords and demonstrates the pool of experience and knowledge it holds, whilst encouraging young people to get involved in its work.

#### **#LORDSLIVE**

What do the House of Lords do? Secondary students can ask a Member of the House of Lords in #LordsLive.

Book your session now: outreach@parliament.uk

#### **MPS SCHOOLS VISITS**

Members of the House of Commons regularly visit primary and secondary schools across the UK. Invite an MP into your school to talk about the work and impact of Parliament, and its relevance to the lives of young people.

#### **HOW TO APPLY**

To apply for a member of the House of Lords to visit your secondary school or sixth form college, contact the Lord Speaker's office on:

lordspeaker@parliament.uk 0207 219 6444/5802

Schools should contact their local MP directly to arrange a visit to their school. Find your local MP at: www.parliament.uk/mps-lords-and-offices/mps

#### **#ASKTHESPEAKER**

What would your class #AskTheSpeaker of The House of Commons, John Bercow MP?

Book your Ask the Speaker session now: outreach@parliament.uk



# **TEACHER TRAINING**



## PROFESSIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR TEACHERS

We offer a range of free CPD opportunities for teachers who would like to develop their understanding of the UK Parliament and be equipped with a range of techniques and resources to help bring Parliament, democracy and active citizenship to life in their school.

### CPD opportunities include:

- INSET or twilight sessions delivered in your school
- One-day seminars or a tailored CPD session in Parliament
- Trainee teacher sessions
   (current partners include Aberdeen
   University, Bath Spa University, Bradford
   College, Cornwall SCITT, UCL Institute
   of Education)

'Thank you for the best CPD
I have ever experienced. A unique,
valuable and inspiring opportunity
that will benefit my students,
my teaching and me on a
personal level'

#### **KEY DATES**



General seminar

• 6 November 2018

A level specialist seminar

• 11 June 2019



# TEACHER AMBASSADOR PROGRAMME

Our flagship initiative, the UK Parliament Teacher Ambassador Programme, involves a free three-day residential at Parliament that will build on your understanding of the UK Parliament and give you the confidence to deliver classes about democracy and active citizenship in your school.

#### The programme includes:

- · A tour of the Palace of Westminster
- · The chance to watch debates
- Seminars, talks and Q&As with Members and staff from both Houses of Parliament
- Workshops and resources to improve your knowledge of Parliament and democracy

The programme covers travel costs, residential accommodation and most meals.

#### **HOW TO APPLY**

To apply, or for more information, contact: teachertraining@parliament.uk or visit: www.parliament.uk/cpd







#### **KEY DATES**

- 21-23 January 2019. Applications will open from 4 September 2018
- I-3 July 2019. Applications will open from 5 February 2019



# **PRIMARY RESOURCES**



We provide a range of free primary resources for teachers, educators and pupils, including stories, videos and printed materials.

#### **RESOURCES** SUPPORT



National Curriculum for England



Curriculum for Excellence



National Curriculum for Wales



Northern Ireland Curriculum

#### **ONLINE RESOURCES**



#### Find out about Parliament Ages 5-7

The 'Find out about Parliament' series is an introduction to the work of Parliament through activities, stories and imagery. Each theme in the series includes a teacher's booklet, a story presentation and a poster pack.

These resources have practical and accessible ideas to get pupils thinking about how they make decisions in a group, why asking questions is important and what it means to represent other people.



#### Stories from Parliament Ages 7-11

Stories from Parliament is a series of videos each telling a story from Parliament's past. Episodes include The Gunpowder Plot and Votes for Women, highlighting some key moments in history.

Each episode is accompanied by specially commissioned illustrations and images from the Parliamentary Art and Archives collections that bring each episode to life.



#### An Introduction to Parliament Ages 7-11

Introduce Parliament to pupils with this short animation which includes an overview of the makeup of Parliament and how it began.

Pupils will learn about how the House of Commons and the House of Lords are structured, how laws are made and how a general election works.

#### **PUBLICATIONS**



Our school trip to the Houses of Parliament

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Ages 5-7

This fun story introduces pupils to the UK Parliament as they follow Oak Class on their school trip. Explore the House of Commons and the House of Lords, and find out what happens when Oak Class meet some of the people who work there.

#### **HOW TO ORDER**

Free class sets of each publication are available in English and Welsh. Details on how to order are on the website:

www.parliament.uk/education



#### Discover the UK Parliament

Ages 7-11

Pupils will learn about the different people who work in the House of Commons and the House of Lords, and find out what happens during an election. Packed with fascinating facts, games and fun learning activities, this book will challenge pupils to think about the difference between rules and laws, and how they can get involved with the UK Parliament.

FREE CLASS SETS AVAILABLE



# MORE RESOURCES ONLINE

www.parliament.uk/teach

# **SECONDARY RESOURCES**



We provide a range of free secondary resources for teachers, educators and students, including lesson plans, videos and interactive content.

# RESOURCES SUPPORT



National Curriculum for England



Curriculum for Excellence



National Curriculum for Wales



Northern Ireland Curriculum

#### **ONLINE RESOURCES**



#### **Get Debating**

Ages 11-16

A series of classroom worksheets focusing on debating techniques, structuring effective arguments and finding suitable topics for debate.

The pack consists of four worksheets that students can use in the classroom, as well as a glossary of debating terms and accompanying teacher's notes.



# Votes for Women: the first mass petition

Ages 11-16

This resource explores the campaign for women's voting rights, starting with the first mass petition for the cause in 1866.

Students can follow the journey of the suffrage campaign through video, audio and quizzes, while source based activities help develop source analysis skills.



#### MP for a Week

Ages 11-16

This online game gives young people a virtual taste of life as a Member of Parliament. Highlighting the range and value of their work, the game helps to build students' understanding of the role of an MP.

Challenge your students to survive a week in politics and keep their party, their voters and the media happy!

#### **PUBLICATIONS**



#### New for 2018

#### Get to know your UK Parliament

Ages 11-14

This publication teaches students about MPs and members of the House of Lords, what they do, and why their work is important. Students can also find out how to get their voices heard in Parliament.



#### Find Your Way Ages 16-18

This guide takes students to the heart of Parliament and helps them find their way through the history, people and processes. Students can find out how to get involved and how to make their voice heard.



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#### New for 2018

#### Your UK Parliament The Essentials Guide

Ages 14-16

This guide includes key information about how elections work, what MPs and members of the House of Lords do, how laws are made and how Parliament holds the Government to account. Students will discover how Parliament works for them and how they can get involved.



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## **NATIONAL PROGRAMMES**





# UK Parliament Week 12-18 November

UK Parliament Week is an annual festival that engages people from across the UK with Parliament. This year you can order a free kit that will support your students to explore what the UK Parliament means to them and empower them to get involved. The kit contains activities, ideas and all the materials they need to get involved with the festival.

Find out more at: www.ukparliamentweek.org

Follow UK Parliament Week on Twitter:

@YourUKParliament



'There has never been a more important time to engage people, particularly students, in democracy and Parliament. This is a golden opportunity to do so, and so do it!'

Ben Culverhouse Class Teacher



#### Your UK Parliament Awards

Your UK Parliament Awards celebrate the amazing work of passionate, engaged people all over the UK who make a difference in their communities and beyond by connecting with the UK Parliament.

It takes imagination, determination and dedication to run successful campaigns and activities. The Your UK Parliament Awards are a unique way to be recognised for your successes and promote the great work you're doing. Your stories can help inspire others to take action.

Find out how to enter at: www.parliament.uk/yourukparliament

# **KEEP IN TOUCH**



#### E - NEWSLETTER:

Sign up to our monthly e-newsletter to find out about new resources, the latest news on what we can offer your school in Parliament and information on how you can get involved. Register at:

Www.parliament.uk/education



#### TWITTER:

Follow @UKParlEducation for our timely updates and news.



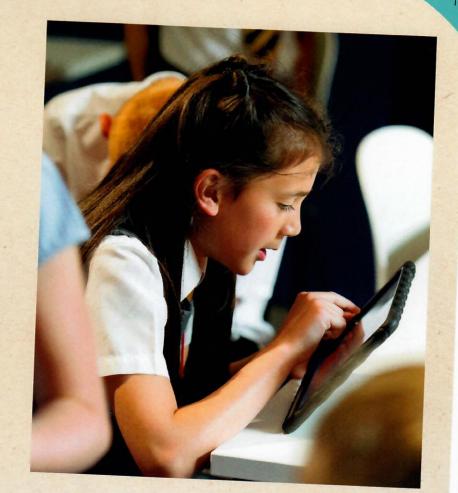
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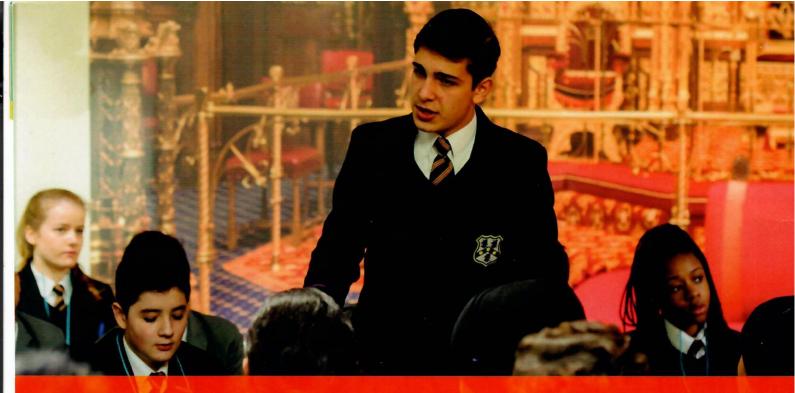
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