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# Your School, Your UK Parliament

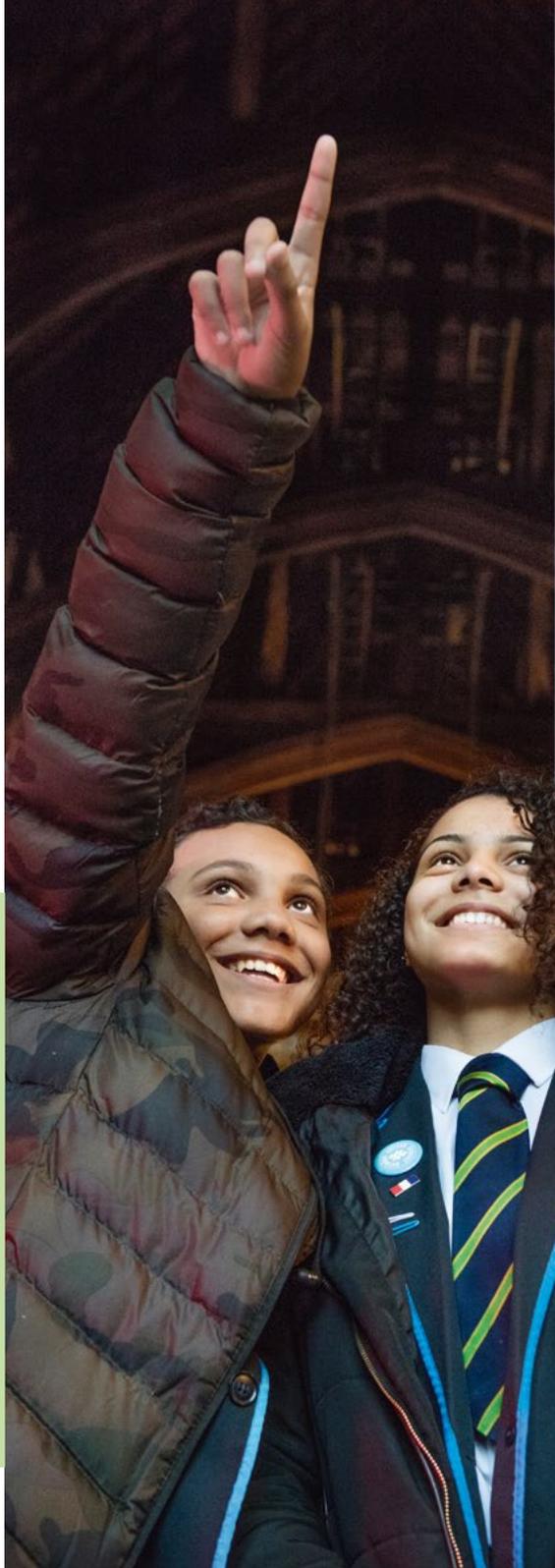
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# Welcome

In this booklet you will discover free, curricula-linked services to support you and your pupils to learn more about the important role of democracy.

We are passionate about helping young people understand how UK Parliament works and how they can get their voices heard. Last year we engaged with over 5,000 schools across the UK turning this into reality.

A school trip to the UK Parliament offers a unique learning experience, with a range of fun and interactive workshops inside our award-winning Education Centre.

Or you may prefer one of our staff based around the UK to give an assembly and workshop from the comfort of your school.

There are many more exciting ways you can bring democracy alive in your



classroom – downloadable lesson plans, games, videos and even a Loan Box full of props which we can post to you. We also offer a teacher training programme and award scheme to support you in your continued professional development.

Finally, holding your own activity during the annual UK Parliament Week festival (2-8 November 2019) is a fantastic way for your school to celebrate and promote democracy.

Best wishes,

**David Clark**

Head of Education and Engagement,  
UK Parliament

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- Curriculum for Excellence
- Northern Ireland Curriculum



# Parliament Week 2–8 November 2019

**UK Parliament Week** is an annual festival that engages people from across the UK with their UK Parliament, and empowers them to get involved. Schools like yours can sign up to run activities linked to the primary and secondary curricula exploring UK Parliament. Open your free kit, pick an activity and go, no preparation is required!

## YOUR FREE KIT INCLUDES:



- **UK Parliament Week pin badges** for you and your class to wear so everyone knows you're taking part
- **A curriculum focused pack** of lesson ideas, including quizzes, fun facts and art activities
- **A ballot box** so your class can hold their own election, or vote on a class debate
- **Posters, bunting and a placard** so you can celebrate your activity in true UK Parliament Week style

**87%**  
of schools who took part in UK Parliament Week last year felt more **positive** about UK Parliament afterwards

**98%**  
of teachers felt that taking part in last year's UK Parliament Week helped them reach their **curriculum** aims

'Fun', 'informative' and 'engaging' are the top three words used to describe UK Parliament Week

**Sign up**  
for your **free** kit  
[ukparliamentweek.org](http://ukparliamentweek.org)

Follow  
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for the latest updates  
**#UKPW**

# Organise a school trip to UK Parliament

**Book your class on a free school trip to UK Parliament where they can enhance their understanding of democracy in the place where UK laws are made.**

After a tour, pupils learn more inside Parliament's award-winning Education Centre, which uses

interactive 360° projections, voting pods and tablets. The workshops listed below link to subjects across UK curricula. Your constituency MP will be contacted in advance of your visit to Parliament and invited to meet your group.

Tour + workshop visits last 2.25 hours.

## **Laws and Debating** 5-18 yrs

Through roleplay, debating and voting, pupils consider how UK Parliament makes laws and how they can get involved.

## **Representation and Voting** 7-18 yrs

Pupils aged 7-16 participate in a mock General Election and learn how Government is formed. Pupils aged 16-18 explore different voting systems to understand democratic representation in the UK.

## **Campaigning and Parliament** 7-11 yrs

Pupils explore the world of campaigning to understand how they can be involved.

## **Journey to Democracy** 7-11 yrs

Historical artefacts and clues help pupils explore how law-making has changed.

## **People's Parliament** 7-18 yrs

In an immersive 360° projection space, pupils travel back in time to see how protesting has led to change, with tailored sessions for 7-11, 11-16 and 16-18.

## **Select Committee Experience** 16-18 yrs

Students visit a Select Committee room, before learning more about scrutiny in UK Parliament and the function of Select Committees (Politics and Modern Studies pupils only).



## **'Story of Parliament' visit** 7-18 yrs

Pupils watch a 360° immersive film in the Education Centre before going on a tour. This stand-alone tour visit lasts 1.5 hours.

## **SEND days** 5-18 yrs

Each term, UK Parliament runs a day for pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). These sessions aim to create an inclusive and more flexible atmosphere. The visit usually lasts 3.5 hours, with allowance made for time to settle in to the new environment.

## **How to Book**

Bookings are accepted throughout the year, including at short notice. Find out more at [parliament.uk/schoolvisits](https://parliament.uk/schoolvisits)

## **Help with travel**

Schools visiting UK Parliament may be eligible for a subsidy to help with the costs of travel. For details and eligibility criteria, visit [parliament.uk/transport-subsidy](https://parliament.uk/transport-subsidy)

# Bring UK Parliament to your classroom

There is a dedicated UK Parliament Outreach Officer for each region and nation of the UK. They visit primary and secondary schools to deliver free assemblies and workshops which link to the wider curricula.

## Introduction to Parliament 7-18 yrs

This interactive session will provide your students with the key information they need to understand and engage with democracy and the UK Parliament. This can be an assembly or a workshop.

## Laws and Debating 7-18 yrs

Using video clips and storytelling, this workshop gives your students the chance to consider how the UK Parliament uses debating to make laws.

Bookings can be made throughout the year. Visit [parliament.uk/education/outreach-in-your-school/](https://parliament.uk/education/outreach-in-your-school/)

## Elections and Voting 7-18 yrs

By considering what matters to them, your pupils will have the chance to create their own manifesto and learn about how voting works at a General Election.

## Campaigning and Parliament 7-18 yrs

This workshop gives your students the tools to campaign on issues that matters to them, whilst learning about how citizens can campaign to influence Parliament.



## Virtual

### Ask the Speaker

What would your pupils ask the Speaker of the House of Commons? This is a great opportunity for pupils aged 7-18 to put their questions to the Speaker in a live Q&A from the comfort of your classroom. Email [engage@parliament.uk](mailto:engage@parliament.uk) to book.

### Lords Live

What happens in the House of Lords? Pupils aged 10-18 can question a Member of the House of Lords from their school and hear live responses. Email [engage@parliament.uk](mailto:engage@parliament.uk) to book.



## Face-to-face

### School visits from your local MP

Contact an MP directly and invite them to your school to talk about the work and role of UK Parliament, and its relevance to the lives of young people. Email [parliament.uk/mps](mailto:parliament.uk/mps)

### Peers in Schools

The Peers in Schools programme involves a visit to your secondary school or sixth form college from a member of the House of Lords. Email [engage@parliament.uk](mailto:engage@parliament.uk) to find out more.



UK Parliament Outreach Officer, Rachael, delivering a session to a school in Cheshire.

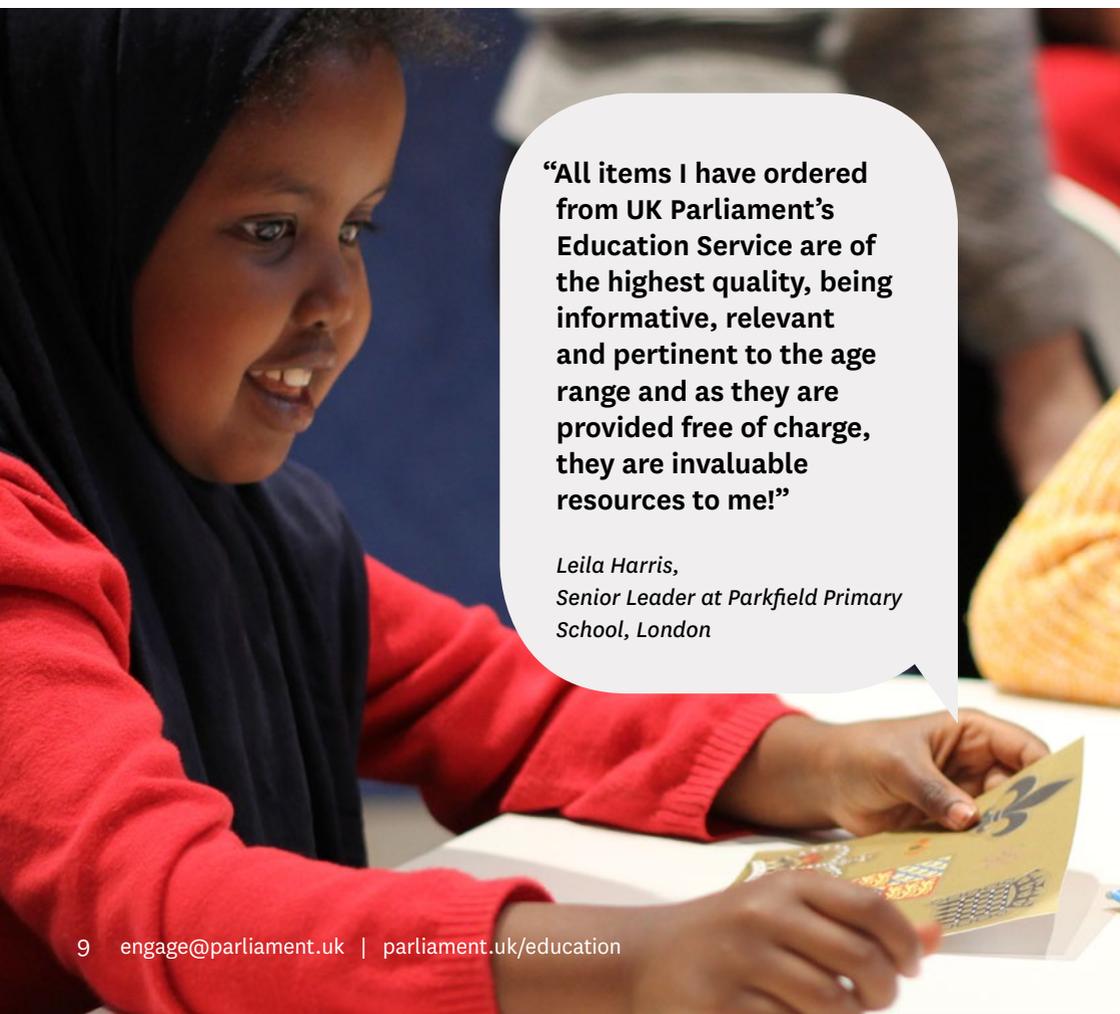


# Free learning resources for your class



UK Parliament offers a range of free curriculum-based resources to support primary and secondary teaching about Parliament and democracy.

The resources support the curricula in England, Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland.  
[parliament.uk/teach](http://parliament.uk/teach)



“All items I have ordered from UK Parliament’s Education Service are of the highest quality, being informative, relevant and pertinent to the age range and as they are provided free of charge, they are invaluable resources to me!”

*Leila Harris,  
 Senior Leader at Parkfield Primary School, London*

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Primary



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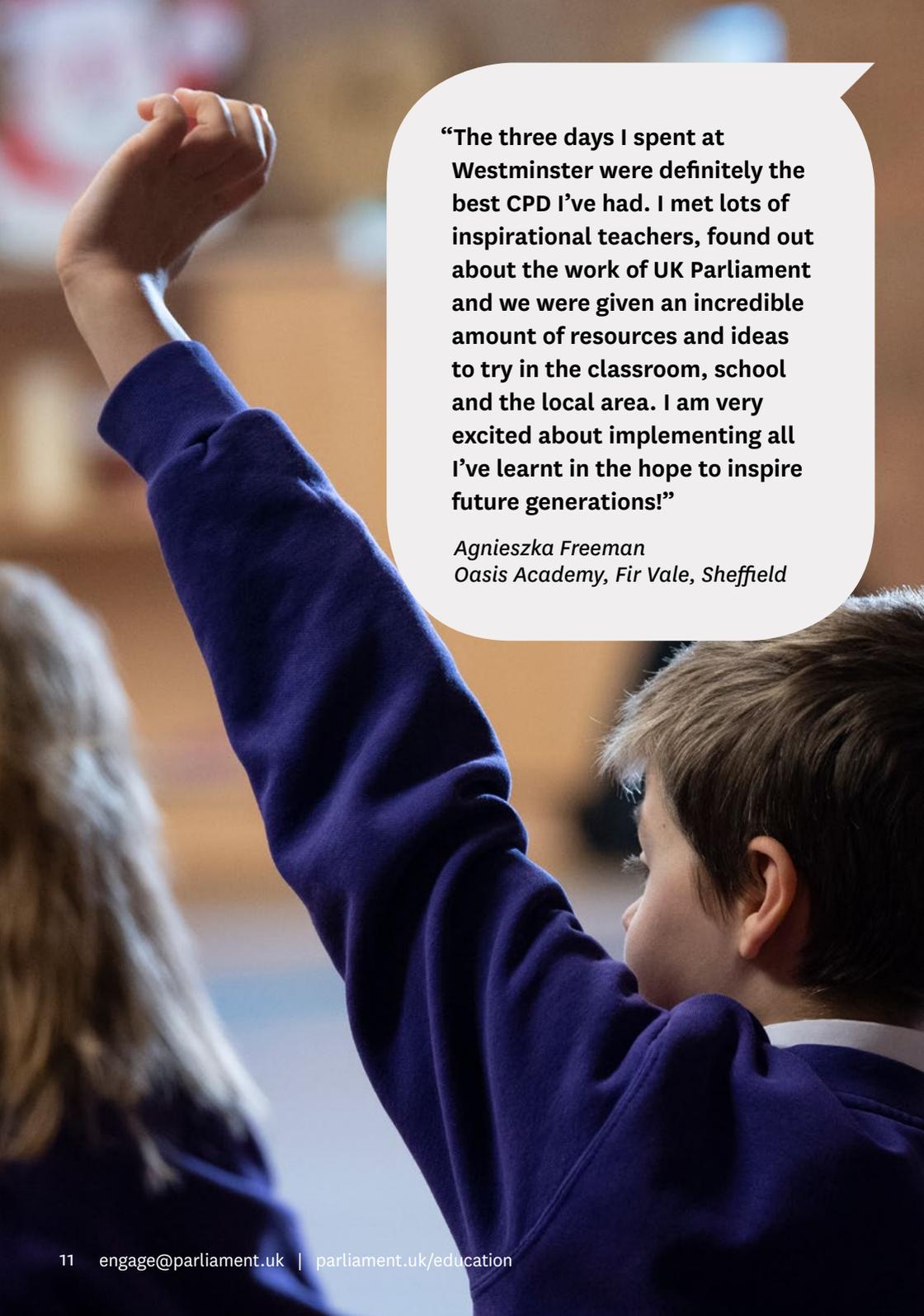


Look out for UK Parliament's free resources on Twinkl.



Secondary





“The three days I spent at Westminster were definitely the best CPD I’ve had. I met lots of inspirational teachers, found out about the work of UK Parliament and we were given an incredible amount of resources and ideas to try in the classroom, school and the local area. I am very excited about implementing all I’ve learnt in the hope to inspire future generations!”

*Agnieszka Freeman  
Oasis Academy, Fir Vale, Sheffield*

# Teacher Training



UK Parliament offers a range of free inspiring Continuing Professional Development (CPD) opportunities to give teachers the confidence to teach pupils of all ages about democracy and active citizenship.

As a graduate of Teachers’ Institute, you’ll become a **UK Parliament Teacher Ambassador** working towards a **bronze, silver or gold** CPD award for your school. Using the free resources provided to you during the programme, you’ll be able to develop your pupils’ and colleagues’ understanding of parliament and democracy, and benefit from a lifelong partnership with UK Parliament.

### Teachers’ Institute:

Take part in a unique and unforgettable three-day residential course at the UK Parliament in Westminster.

### Teachers’ Institute includes:

- An informative tour of the UK Parliament
- An opportunity to watch debates in the House of Commons and House of Lords
- Q&A sessions with MPs, Peers and staff from the House of Commons and House of Lords
- Networking opportunities

### Other CPD opportunities include:

- INSET or twilight sessions delivered in your school
- Tailored CPD sessions in Parliament
- Initial Teacher Training sessions
- To find out more, visit [parliament.uk/cpd](https://parliament.uk/cpd)



# Your UK Parliament Awards 2020



The Your UK Parliament Awards recognise the fantastic individuals who have made a difference in their communities and beyond.

- Teacher of the Year
- Speaker's School Action Award
- UK Parliament Week Activity of the Year
- UK Parliament Week Partner of the Year
- Community Campaigner of the Year
- Digital Campaigner of the Year

Big or small, we want to hear about a change you've made in your school, or local community! Have you or a colleague made a change? Tell us about it, so we can celebrate how you encouraged change in your school or community through democracy! There are six awards up for grabs, in the following categories:

Applications close on 31 January 2020. The Your UK Parliament Awards ceremony will take place in Spring 2020. Award winners will be chosen by the Speaker of the House of Commons, a panel of MPs, Peers and independent judges.

Find out how to enter at: [parliament.uk/awards](https://parliament.uk/awards)

**“The strength of the Your UK Parliament Awards is that it recognises and celebrates the achievements of those who engage others to grow into the realisation that this is their Britain, their democracy, their Parliament – and it is for them to take a participative role, whatever that may be, in sustaining and guiding it.”**

*Arthur Wood, Deputy Headteacher at Ashbridge Independent School and 2018 winner of the Teacher Ambassador Award*

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