



Learn with the Lords: Question Time FAQs

Thank you for your interest in taking part attending Learn with the Lords: Question Time. In advance of the event please read the important information below. If you have any further questions, please do get in touch:

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Sessions - FAQs

When will the events take place?

Learn with the Lords: Question Time is taking place on Monday 2nd November at 11am and Friday 6th November at 11am. The events will last for 45 minutes. You will be required to join the session 10 minutes before the start time to resolve any technical issues before the event begins.

What technology do we need?

Learn with the Lords: Question Time takes place via Microsoft Teams, which can be downloaded as an app or accessed via a browser. You will receive the Microsoft Teams link/s two weeks before the event in an email. Please note that if students are participating from more than one room, this link will need to be shared with the relevant teachers.

To take part in the event, you will need a laptop or tablet connected to a large screen with speakers (such as an interactive whiteboard or large projector screen). It is important that pupils can hear the session, as their questions (which you will submit in advance as part of the booking process) will be put to the panellists by the host. Please ensure that you have a reliable internet connection.

Please ensure that your webcam is switched off. The events will be recorded by the Education and Engagement Team, and your students must not be visible for safeguarding reasons.

If you have any IT questions, please contact us.

How do we set up the room?

The students should be sat facing the panellists on a big screen. It is vital that the students can see and hear the session, as their questions (which are submitted in advance as part of the booking process) will be put to the panellists by the host.

How many students can take part?

There is no limit to the number of students that can take part, as long as they can see and hear the panellists on screen.

Can any students take part?

This event is designed for post-16 students who are studying Government and Politics or Modern Studies.

Do we need to prepare?

No - you will submit two questions on behalf of your students as part of the bookings process. You need only to sit back and watch the session.

Can I book to take part in both events?

Yes. You can book to take part in one, or both, events.

What will happen?

You will join the event 10 minutes before the start time of 11am. The host will introduce the panellists, and they will discuss the session's topic for 25 minutes. For the final 20 minutes, your student's questions will be put to the panellists by the host.

What are the topics?

On 2nd November, the panel will explore how effective UK Parliament, and in particular the House of Lords, is at scrutinising the Government. The discussion will reflect on whether the power dynamic between Parliament and Government has shifted in recent years and what this means for effective scrutiny.

On 6th November, a different panel will be exploring the role and effectiveness of select committees in scrutinising the Government. The discussion will reflect on the real impact of select committee inquiries on Government decision-making.

Who is on the panel?

You will be provided with the names of the panellists, and a link to their Parliamentary biography, in advance of your session.

Can we invite the media to our session?

Please DO NOT arrange radio or TV coverage or invite local/national press journalists to the session itself. We also ask that you do not film the session yourselves. You are of course welcome to invite coverage after the session.

In the meantime...

You may find the following resources useful in the weeks leading up to Learn with the Lords:
Question Time:

- [How are Laws made? Video](#)
- [Who is in the House of Lords? Video](#)
- [Learn Live: The Work of Select Committees](#)