



Learn with the Lords: Question Time FAQs

Thank you for your interest in taking part attending Learn with the Lords: Private Members' Bill Ballot. 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: Private Members' Bill Ballot is taking place on Thursday 13th May at 11am. The events will last for 40 minutes. Please join the session 5 minutes before the start time to resolve any technical issues before the event begins.

What technology do we need?

Learn with the Lords: Private Members' Bill Ballot will take place via Microsoft Teams, which can be downloaded as an app or accessed via a browser. You will receive the Microsoft Teams joining link at 8:30am on Monday 10th May, and again the day before the event. Please note that if students are participating from more than one classroom, or joining from home, this link will need to be shared.

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 the first 25 schools that sign-up to the event will have a name drawn from the ballot on their behalf.

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.

How many students can take part?

There is no limit to the number of students that can take part.

Can any students take part?

This is a specialised event for post-16 students studying Government and Politics or Modern Studies, or with an interest in the subject.

Do we need to prepare?

No - You need only to sit back and watch the event with your students.

What will happen?

You will join the event 5 minutes before the start time of 11am. A member of the Lords legislation team will deliver a short presentation for your students before drawing the Private Members' Bill Ballot.

What is the Private Members' Bill Ballot?

Private Members' bills are public bills introduced by Lords who are not government ministers. The names of Members applying for a bill are drawn in a ballot at the start of a new parliamentary session. Your students will watch a short presentation given by the Lords legislation team, before watching the ballot drawn live.

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: Private Members' Bill Ballot:

- [How are Laws made? Video](#)
- [Who is in the House of Lords? Video](#)
- [How it Works: Post-16 Booklet](#)