

## **Learn with the Lords in School - FAQs**

Thank you for your interest in taking part in our Learn with the Lords in School programme. Before booking a session please read the important information below. If you have any further questions, please do get in touch:

[learnwiththelords@parliament.uk](mailto:learnwiththelords@parliament.uk)

### ***How will I know if we are selected for a Learn with the Lords in School visit?***

The UK Parliament Education and Engagement team will be in touch 4 to 6 weeks in advance if you are selected for a visit. We will ask you to confirm within 3 days that you are able to facilitate on the date we give you. If you are unable to facilitate on that date, you will be offered alternatives.

### ***When will our visit take place?***

Learn with the Lords in School visits take place on selected Fridays in term-time. When you apply for a visit, you will be asked to indicate any Fridays where you are **UNABLE** to facilitate a visit in the upcoming academic year (as far as possible). You will also be able to indicate whether you would prefer to host a visit in the morning (10am-12pm) or the afternoon (1-3pm).

### ***What will happen on the day?***

Learn with the Lords in School visits last for approx. 2 hours, from either 10am-12 or 1-3pm depending on your preference. The schedule for the day will follow this pattern:

- A 15-minute window for meet and greet on arrival
- A 60-90-minute presentation and Q&A session
- A 15-minute window for photos and goodbyes

### ***How do I need to prepare for the session?***

In terms of practical preparation, we will be in touch 2 weeks before your visit to arrange a Microsoft Teams briefing call between yourself, a member of the Education and Engagement Team, and the Lord or Baroness that will be visiting your school. This meeting is chance to make introductions and discuss the exact details for the visit. It will take approx. 15 minutes.

As the session consists of a presentation and Q&A, we advise you to assist your students to prepare a minimum of 20 questions for the session. You will be sent links to resources to help you prepare in your confirmation email. You can also find links to these resources at the end of this document.

### ***What technology do we need?***

You will need to facilitate the session in a space (classroom, lecture hall, school hall etc) with a working projector/interactive whiteboard (or similar) connected to a laptop/desktop, from which your member of the House of Lords can share a PowerPoint presentation.

We will email you this PowerPoint presentation a few days before the visit, so that you can have it set up in the space ready for the arrival of the Lord or Baroness.

If you have any IT questions, please contact us.

### ***How do we set up the room?***

You should set up the room for a standard presentation, assembly, or lesson in school. The students should be sat facing the member of the House of Lords, with a good view of them and the PowerPoint presentation.

### ***Who can take part?***

Learn with the Lords in School is open to all UK based secondary schools and colleges. The session is not yet available for Home Education Groups.

### ***How many students can take part?***

We ask for a minimum group size of 30 students. We would welcome much larger groups to take part in a session.

### ***Who is our Lord or Baroness?***

You will be provided with the name of your Lord or Baroness, and a link to their Parliament biography, at least 2 weeks before your visit.

### ***Can we invite the media to our session?***

Please DO NOT arrange radio or TV coverage or invite local/national press journalists to the visit without gaining consent from the UK Parliament Education and Engagement Team, who will ask the consent of the House of Lords.

### ***In the meantime...***

You may find the following resources useful in preparing for your Learn with the Lords in School session:

- [Introduction to UK Parliament \(video\)](#)
- [360 virtual tour of UK Parliament](#)
- [What is the House of Lords? A Guide for secondary students \(video\)](#)
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