

Politics Bridging pack

As this is a new subject for everyone there is no prior knowledge needed. We teach the basic of British politics by looking at the political system and key words that you need to understand.

KEY VOCABULARY FOR THE FIRST HALF TERM:

Democracy	Manifesto
Politics	Mandate
Power	Participation
Authority	Pressure groups
Legitimacy	Electoral systems

IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO



Over the coming weeks, it would be useful to follow the news through reading newspapers, using news apps and watching the TV.

We would like you to keep a weekly diary which summarises key events in UK and world politics. There is clearly plenty going on, and currently with daily briefings but your diary only needs to be a few bullet points for each week, and if you find something that particularly interests you, please include more detail. Please bring to your first lesson.

At the beginning of the course we will spend some time looking at the British political system to ensure everyone has the foundations needed to engage in further study. In preparation for this please watch the following clips which will help you to make notes using the diagram below as a guide.

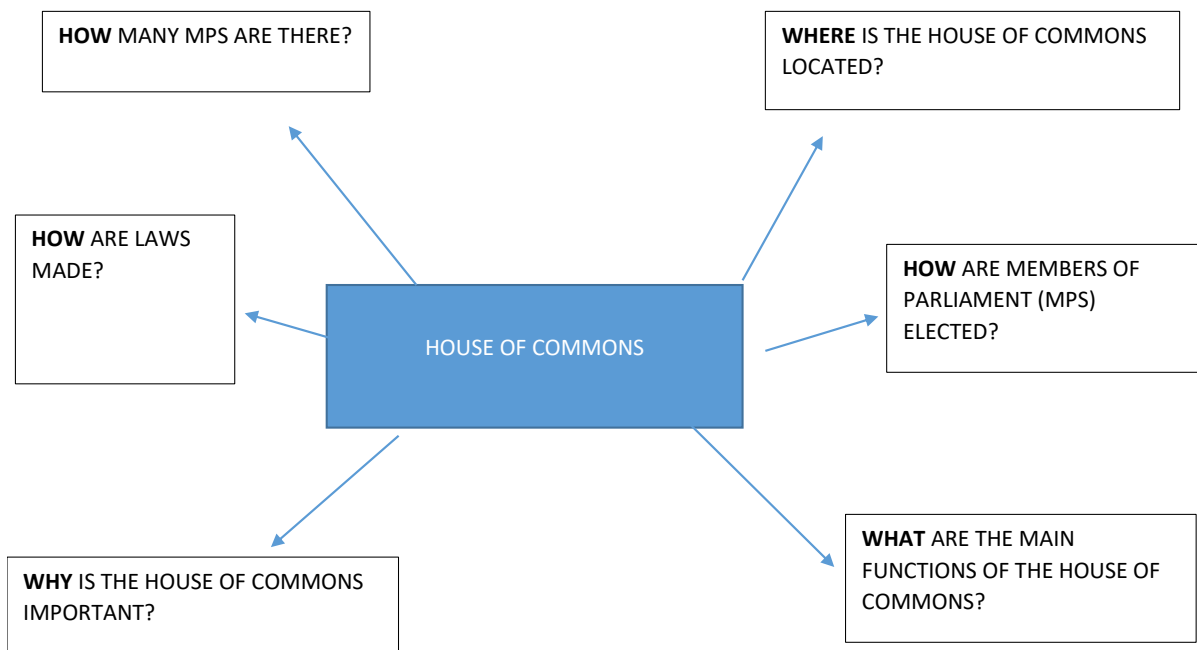
<https://youtu.be/JsxHcXp8U0I> - What is the role of Parliament?

<https://youtu.be/Wuk3L3tknwg> - Making laws

<https://youtu.be/0ToKcEvqXuM> - The House of Commons chamber

<https://www.parliament.uk/about/how/occasions/stateopening/> – The state opening of Parliament





NOW PREPARE A HANDOUT ON YOUR OWN MP – WHO IS IT, WHAT PARTY DO THEY REPRESENT, WHAT WAS THEIR MAJORITY IN THE 2024 GENERAL ELECTION, WHAT POLICIES DO THEY SUPPORT, WHERE DO THEY ‘SIT’ WITHIN THE PARTY SYSTEM?

LEADERS OF POLITICAL PARTIES:

It is important that you are familiar with the leaders of the main UK political parties. Please produce a factfile about each one including:

- The party they represent
- The constituency that they represent in Parliament
- Their age
- A summary of their political beliefs/policies

Below are pictures of the leaders – can you name them all?



