

How Parliament Works

- 09:30** **Welcome & Introductions**
- 09:45** **Introduction to Parliament**
Introductory discussion on the structure of Parliament and its relationship with Government
- 10:00** **Inside the Chamber**
- Understanding the layout of the Commons Chamber, who is in there and the role of each group
 - The role and influence of the Speaker
 - Understanding the House of Lords and the differences between the Lords and the Commons
 - The Annual Parliamentary timetable
- 11:00** **Break**
- 11:15** **Parliamentary Business**
- What happens on a normal day?
 - Understanding the different types of Parliamentary Business and why some matter more than others
 - The role of the Whips
- 12:15** **The route of policy from the civil service to the Queen**
- Where do policy ideas come from?
 - From White Paper to legislation
 - The route of legislation through Parliament
- 13:00** **Lunch**
- 13:30** **Holding the Government to account**
Understanding the tools available to MPs in all parties to hold the Government to account, including Private Member's Bills, statements, parliamentary questions
- 14:15** **Parliamentary Committees**
Understanding the role and operation of Committees in the Commons and the Lords
- 15:00** **Break**
- 15:15** **Frontbench MPs**
The role of Ministers and Shadow Ministers in Parliament
- 16:15** **Backbench MPs**

- Identifying the tools available to backbenchers and understanding how backbench MPs campaign within Parliament and effect change
- The role and activities of APPGs
- Debates in Westminster Hall

17:00

Final questions and close