



Year 12 at the Houses of Parliament

September 2015

On Wednesday 30th September, the Year 12 Government and Politics students travelled to Westminster for an awe-inspiring tour of the Houses of Parliament.

They also visited the new Parliamentary Education centre where they took part in an elections workshop. Representing competing political parties, they designed a manifesto before holding a mock election. Votes were counted using the 'first past the post' system, and the results were analysed to assess how effectively the parties were represented. The same votes were then counted using 'proportional voting' systems which were also critically assessed. The students were divided over which election system gives a fairer result so a lively debate about electoral reform ensued!

