

## Parliament and the Curriculum Project

### The opportunity:

This is an exciting opportunity to work with the History of Parliament Trust and the UK Parliamentary Archives on a project to explore the place and future of Parliamentary history in the GCSE curriculum, helping to convene a working group of experts to identify new perspectives on the history of Parliament as it currently features in exam board specifications and, informed by the latest scholarship, potential new topics that could inform future specifications. This project also includes examining the potential to develop new resources exploring Parliament's role in improving public health in the nineteenth century, including archival research into the evidence presented to Parliament; an analysis of speeches in Parliament relating to major interventions like the Public Health Acts; and petitions, shedding light onto how public health legislation was received. There is also the scope to develop some of these topics into pilot resources for schools.

This is a six-month opportunity (1 May to 31 Oct 2023) offered at 0.5FTE (2.5 days per week).

### What skills you'll bring:

- Experience of researching and analysing archival material
- Ability to write succinct reports to summarise your findings
- An interest in political and or social history
- An understanding, in broad terms, of nineteenth century British History

The ideal candidate will be highly motivated and a clear communicator who is able to work collaboratively or independently, as required.

### What you will gain:

- The chance to work with archivists and historians exploring Parliamentary history
- Experience in writing for a non-academic audience
- An enhanced understanding of the process of creating resources for schools
- The opportunity to support teachers in teaching Parliamentary history

### About the partners:

The [History of Parliament](#) is a research project creating a comprehensive account of parliamentary politics in England, Britain and then the United Kingdom, from their origins in the thirteenth century. Unparalleled in the comprehensiveness of its treatment, the History is generally regarded as one of the most ambitious, authoritative, and well-researched projects in British history. Funded by both Houses of Parliament, the History is active in promoting engagement with Parliament's history and heritage.

The UK Parliamentary Archives provides innovative and expert information management, preservation, access, and outreach services enabling anyone in the world to use Parliament's records, both now and in the future. It holds over 13km of physical records dating back to 1497 and its digital repository is well established and growing rapidly.

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