1. DEMOCRACY - SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT ELECTIONS

Teaching Resources

- **The Additional Member System**
  Teacher resource for classroom use explaining how the Additional Members System works (includes pupil activity worksheet). Also includes all the constituency and regional votes cast in the 2011 Scottish Parliament election, allowing pupils to get hands-on with an AMS election.

- **Election results 2016 - Poster**

- **Election results 2011 - Poster**

- **Election results 2007 - Poster**

- **National Modern Studies course notes - Elections – How voting works**
  Resource aimed at pupils studying National Modern Studies 4 and 5, Democracy in Scotland and the United Kingdom units.

- **Run your own class elections**
  This activity aimed at P4-S3 allows the class to take part in an election and explore the concepts of representation and participation

Briefings and factsheets

- **Scottish Parliament Electoral System**
  This fact sheet provides an overview of the electoral system used to elect Members of the Scottish Parliament. It includes an explanation of how the regional seats are allocated.

- **Scottish Parliament Election 2016 - Blog**
  Various blogs on the outcome of the 2016 Scottish Parliament Election

- **Election 2016 – Briefing**
  This briefing provides the result and analysis of the 2016 Scottish Parliament election

- **Election 2011 - Briefing**
This paper provides an analysis of the 2011 Scottish Parliament election. In particular, it considers the Scottish Parliament electoral system, the election campaign, electoral behaviour, the impact of the result upon the political parties, and the new composition of the Parliament.

- **Election 2007 - Briefing**
  This paper provides an analysis of the 2007 Scottish Parliament election. In particular it covers the Scottish Parliament electoral system, the election campaign, electoral behaviour and the polls, turnout, spoilt ballots, the impact of the result upon the political parties, the regional vote and the new composition of the Parliament.
2. DEMOCRACY - THE ROLE OF THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT

Teaching and Information Resources

- **The Scottish Parliament - Past and Present**
  How the Scottish Parliament has evolved

- **National Modern Studies course notes – What is Democracy and who represents me?**

- **National Modern Studies course notes – The Work of MSPs**

- **How the Scottish Parliament Works**

- **Your Scottish Parliament publication**

- **Your Parliament at work publication**

- **Citizens’ Guide to Scottish Devolution** (March 2016)

- **Devolved and reserved matters** – the powers of the Parliament

- **Legislation – Types of Bill**

- **Legislation – Stages of a Bill**

- **Legislation – Royal Assent**

- **The role of Committees**

- Factfiles:
  - Devolved and Reserved Matters
  - The role of the Scottish Government
  - The Committees of the Scottish Parliament

- **Explore the Debating Chamber** – interactive resource

- **Explore a Committee** – interactive resource

- **Your Voice** – find out how you can get involved with the Parliament

- **National Modern Studies course notes – How can people get involved in politics?**

**MSPs**

- **List of MSPs A to Z** (Session 5 – May 2016 to March 2021)
• MSPs, MPs and MEPs Session 5
• MSPs by Parliamentary region publication

Please see Research Briefings and Fact Sheets on Parliament and Government for information on local government, elections and further devolution
3. THE ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Briefings

- **Environment : Subject Profile** (May 2016)
  This briefing provides an overview of the main issues within the environment portfolio. It highlights the main legislation and policy developments in previous parliamentary sessions, and potential future developments.

- **Climate Change: Subject Profile** (May 2016)
  This briefing highlights the latest climate science, outlines the global, EU, UK frameworks for addressing climate change and focuses on the main legislative and policy provisions in Scotland.

- **Rural Affairs: Subject Profile** (May 2016)
  This briefing provides an overview of the main issues within the rural affairs portfolio. It highlights the main legislation and policy developments in previous parliamentary sessions, and potential future developments.

- **Marine and Fisheries: Subject Profile** (May 2016)
  This briefing provides an overview of the main issues related to marine and fisheries. It highlights the main legislation and policy developments in previous parliamentary sessions, and potential future developments.

- **Unconventional Gas: Frequently Asked Questions** (July 2016)
  This briefing considers some of the issues surrounding the extraction of unconventional gas in Scotland, which is currently subject to a moratorium.
4. JUSTICE

Please see Research Briefings and Fact Sheets on Justice for information on the Scottish Criminal Justice system including:

- The Scottish Criminal Justice System: The Criminal Courts (June 2016)
- The Scottish Criminal Justice System: The Public Prosecution System (June 2016)
- Children and The Scottish Criminal Justice System (June 2016)
- The Scottish Criminal Justice System: Legal and Administrative Arrangements (July 2016)
5. THE EUROPEAN UNION AND BREXIT

**Briefings**

- [The European Union – A Brief History](#) (May 2016)
- [The European Union – The Institutions](#) (May 2016)
- [The European Union - The Legislative Process](#) (May 2016)
- [The European Union – The Budget](#) (May 2016)
- [European Union Funding in Scotland 2014-2020](#) (November 2016)

**BREXIT**

Please see [Research Briefings and Fact Sheets on the EU and International Affairs](#) for information on Brexit and the implications of leaving the EU on various topics.
6. HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Please see Research Briefings and Fact Sheets for information on health and wellbeing topics including obesity in Scotland, health and social care, emissions reductions in transport, health inequalities.

Teaching resources

PowerPoint case studies

-Alcohol (Licensing, Public Health and Criminal Justice) Member's bill

-Smoking Prohibition (Children in Motor Vehicles) Member's Bill
7. SOCIAL ISSUES

**Briefings**

- **Higher Education Institutions: Subject Profile** (September 2016)
  This briefing provides an overview of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in Scotland. It includes discussion of student numbers, funding of HEIs and recent policy priorities.

- **Closing the Attainment Gap: What Can Schools Do?** (August 2016)
  This briefing highlights five guiding principles and six key strategies, gathered from evidence based educational research, that have been proved effective in closing the attainment gap both nationally and internationally.

- **Ethnicity and Employment** (June 2015)
  This briefing provides general statistical and research information on the labour market position of ethnic minorities in Scotland.

- **Subject profile – local government in Scotland** (August 2016)
  This subject profile provides an introduction to local government in Scotland, including information on the organisation and functions of local authorities, local government finance, and potential future developments in this parliamentary session.

- **Transport in Scotland** (June 2016)
  This briefing provides an introduction to walking, cycling, road, rail, air, bus, maritime and freight transport in Scotland.

- **Housing Subject Profile** (December 2016)
  This briefing provides an overview of housing policy in Scotland. It describes recent trends in housing tenure and the housing market and provides information on the legislative and administrative background.

Please see **Research Briefings and Fact Sheets** for information on social security topics

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Case Study on the Community Care and Health (Scotland) Act 2002 which included free personal care for the elderly

Case Study on the Alcohol Etc. Bill which included a section on the minimum price of alcohol bill
8. HUMAN RIGHTS

- The European Convention on Human Rights in the United Kingdom
  (September 2015)

9. TECHNOLOGY

Briefings

- Digital Connectivity (June 2016)