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British Politics and Government Weekend 2009

5th-6th December 2009

Saturday 5th December

- 10.00 – 10.30 Registration
10.30 – 10.45 Introduction and welcome
10.45 – 13.00 Introduction to British Politics: Parliamentary government
The Commons legislative process
The whip system
The cabinet and the Prime Minister
The House of Lords
The role of the judiciary.
- 13.00 – 14.00 Lunch
14.00 – 15.15 Lecture and discussion: Elections and party politics in the UK
15.15 – 16.30 Seminar: 'Is the system broken, and can we fix it?'

Sunday 6th December

- 10.30 – 12.00 Lecture and discussion: The path to power: changing nature of political campaigns in the UK
12.00 -- 12.45 Lunch
12.45 - 16.00 Mock Parliament: Divide into parties; elect leadership
Draft legislation and prepare strategy
Debate on government Bill and vote
Debate on opposition Bill and vote
Prime Minister's Question Time
- 16.00-16.15 Feedback on Mock Parliament and discussion
16.15 - 16.30 Round up and Certificates