

# Marginal Gains

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## Election 2019



# Election 2019 - have your say!

The UK election in December is one of the most important in a generation - it will decide whether we leave or remain in the European Union, how much is spent on schools and hospitals, even whether schools like this continue to exist! On 12 December you will have the chance to have your say in the school election - here is a brief outline of each party's policies - more detail to follow during the campaign!



Jack Arrowsmith, Conservative Party

The Brexit Referendum has been deeply divisive for Britain: abandoning Brexit would be a betrayal of 17.4 million people who voted to leave and as democrats we can't let that happen; but we must implement it in a way which protects jobs and living standards. The Prime Minister has negotiated a deal which will allow us to fully leave the EU in an orderly way, and strike our own Free Trade Agreements with countries around the world.

Delivering Brexit will allow the government to focus on the NHS, Education, Climate Change and Crime reduction. The scale of public spending proposed by Labour will again saddle the country with massive debt, which future generations will have to repay. A strong economy, backed by financial responsibility and a good Brexit deal, is only possible if you vote for a Conservative Government.



Zaki Hashmi, Labour Party

Many students have negative views about Labour due to the billionaire controlled mass media comparing Jeremy Corbyn to Stalin. However, what the Daily Mail will not tell you is how the Labour Party will benefit current Solihull School students, Old Silhillians and members of staff alike.

University tuition fees are a major problem for millions of 18-year olds, made worse under the Coalition and Conservative governments. If Labour were to win the next general election it will scrap tuition fees and student debt for those still grappling with the burden.

Many former pupils would benefit from free personal care for all over 65s and £26 billion of investment in the NHS which would prevent crippling winter health crises which have become an annual event under the Conservatives.

The future of the country is at stake - vote Labour, it's Time for Real Change!





Lauren Webb, Liberal Democratic Party

The Liberal Democrats are the only party with an immediate and highly effective solution to Brexit: we will withdraw article 50 and keep Britain in the EU. We will listen to the 16 million who voted remain, the new generation of voters who believe our future lies within the EU. Inside the EU we are safer, stronger and richer. The Conservatives will leave with a deal that damages our country and Labour will drag the process on for years.

The Conservatives and Labour have moved to the extreme right and left. The Lib Dems are here to fill the gap. Our party promises won't break the Bank of England and aren't false promises to woo voters. Our manifesto is a vision for the future: a government that tackles the climate emergency, gives children the best possible start in life, transforms mental health services, and builds a fairer economy. Vote Liberal Democrat!



George Bould, Brexit Party

In June 2016, 17.4m people voted Leave – the biggest democratic mandate in British history. But Brexit has been betrayed by the government and MPs, who vote for themselves.

We stand for a clean-break Brexit, that will enable us to take control of our laws, borders and money.

This is not only about the EU. It is about what sort of democratic country we live in. We're out to challenge the self-serving two-party system, make the people sovereign, and restore trust in our democracy.

Vote Brexit on 12 December!



Guy Sandler, Green Party

The Green Party is dedicated to improving the UK's environment and economy. We want to reduce our carbon emissions, be a zero-waste society and be carbon neutral by 2030.

Brexit is a huge issue that will not be sorted by the Conservatives or by Labour. The Green Party is a remain party and if we are voted in we will push for a second referendum.

The Green Party is committed helping our world: we have pledged £100 billion to try and address global. We have also pledged to scrap HS2, improve bus routes and electrify railways.

Improving our economy is an important step to improving living standards. We believe that phasing in the four-day week will result in people being more productive and consequently will help the economy to flourish.





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## General Election Prize Quiz

How much do you know about UK Politics and elections of the past? Bring your answers to the History Office before election day - winners will go on a trip to 10 Downing Street to meet the new Prime Minister!\*

Name:

Form:

1. How many MPs are there in Parliament?
2. How many female Prime Ministers have there been?
3. Who was the youngest Prime Minister?
4. How many times was Winston Churchill elected Prime Minister?
5. Which party has won the most elections since the Second World War?
6. Which Prime Minister since the Second World War had the largest majority in Parliament?
7. Which Prime Minister's campaign slogan was 'Education, education, education'?
8. Who was the last Liberal Prime Minister?
9. Who was the longest serving Prime Minister?
10. Who was the oldest Prime Minister?



\* or possibly just be given some chocolate