

YVOTE

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CUE CARDS are designed as a step by step guide for students to follow in organising their election. They should be photocopied and cut up before being given out.

BECOMING A CANDIDATE

Anyone can stand as a candidate, as long as four other people nominate* you. Candidates need to choose which political party to stand for. Check out the Run a Campaign section at www.mockelections.co.uk for info on all the political parties.

Your own party? If you don't think you fit into any of them, why not start your own party? Once you've picked your party, you need to get together a campaign team to help you through the elections. Your campaign team are really important because they will help you to...

- Decide on your party's policies** & aims.
- Get your campaign moving & encourage other students to vote for you.

Sign up! If you want to be a party candidate, fill in the form and give it the election coordinator teacher by the deadline! If more than one person wants to be the candidate, it will be up to the party members to decide who represents them.

- * **Nominate:** to suggest or propose a candidate.
- ** **Policies:** a plan of action for your party.

GET YOUR PARTY STARTED

Jobs: A candidate is only as good as their party, so make sure you have a great team. There are lots of jobs to be done within the party from designers to policy makers. It's important that everyone knows exactly what their job is, so draw up a table like this one and write it all down:

NAME	JOB TITLE	TASKS	DEADLINE

Use the Y Vote Jobs card to help you fill in the table.

Get Elected!: Once you've got your team you can start winning votes. There are two main things which convince people to vote for a party:

- Policies are your action plan, the things you would do if you were elected.
- The campaign is the activities you run to make sure voters hear about your policies. Campaigns involve things like speeches and posters and convince voters that you have the best ideas.

Use the Campaign and Policy cards to help you start winning votes!

Y VOTE JOBS

Candidate:	A person who stands for election to Parliament. A candidate can be nominated by a political party or stand as an independent.
Canvasser:	A party member who has the job of influencing people's voting decisions.
Designers:	People in charge of making posters and leaflets.
Electorate:	A group of people eligible to vote.
Policy Makers:	People who write the manifestos.
Political Party Members:	Members of a party who help to run the election campaign.
Press Officer:	A person who releases information about the party to journalists
Pressure Groups:	Organisations that campaign to influence political parties to support their point of view.
Speech Writers:	People who help politicians to write speeches for when they address the public.
Spin Doctor:	A party member who puts a specific angle on an issue.