



School Parliament Constitution

Every child at Marlborough school is a Member of Marlborough's Pupil Parliament (MMPP). The whole school Parliament Meets at least once every half term. An infant parliament meets, on an occasional basis throughout each term. Each class elects two members to represent them on the Star Chamber each year*:

Star Chamber	Members oversee the work of the Parliament and meet with the Cabinet every half term Two members are elected by the rest of the Star Chamber to serve on the following year's Cabinet * y0 class elects representatives for at least a half term from November
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Juniors are also members of the Common Parliament. This meets every Thursday, alternating between Parley and Committee Meetings, so that each is held every two weeks:

Parley Meetings	Members sit in one of fifteen conference groups Groups include members from each junior class Every group appoints a chairperson, secretary and treasurer Officers are appointed for one meeting only Groups report back to the whole assembly Decisions can be verified by voting
Chair	Ensures that everyone's views are heard and respected
Secretary	Notes comments/responses and counts votes
Treasurer	Acts as time-keeper
Speaker	Each group decides who will speak for the group on the day The chair-person makes the final decision as to who the speaker is
Voting	Votes are taken within each conference group The majority vote of the group counts as one Parley Vote Where votes in a group are tied, the group's vote is an abstention Parley votes are therefore taken out of fifteen – eight is a majority
Committees	Committee preferences are gathered annually for all committees Members must serve on only one committee each year Members can choose to stay on or change committees each year Each Committee elects a chairperson and a secretary
Working Parties	Each committee sets priorities and form focus groups to address particular projects and/or specific tasks Working parties change on completion of tasks or as priorities change Working parties oversee the work of management or Task Groups
Task Groups	Anyone, regardless of his or her Committee membership, may apply to join a Task Group, set up and monitored by the working parties to carry out specific duties.
Cabinet	The Chairperson* from each Committee serves on the Cabinet Two members of the previous year's Star Chamber are elected The Cabinet meets each week with the Parliamentary Lead Teacher to review and act upon decisions taken by the Parliament The Cabinet is responsible for overseeing the use of Parliament funds * In the event of absence, the Secretary may attend instead