

Every two years Somerset Youth Parliament runs elections to elect three members for Somerset Youth Parliament, who will represent the county on a local and nation stage.

Key Election Timeline

September

Nominations and registration to vote open!

Candidate Campaign Manifesto workshop for candidates (online)

October

Candidate and campaign promotions across schools and communities

December

Election Information and Development Day for all candidates

Friday 12 December Voting closes

Results announced by the end of term

November

Nominations to stand for election close on Monday 3 November 2025

Voting goes LIVE Monday 17 November

January

First group meeting - celebration and planning

February and March

Induction and skills training

April

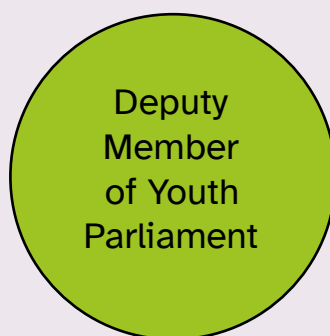
Induction and skills training
Outgoing Members of Youth Parliament handover

New elected Members of Youth Parliament take up their seat of office for two years

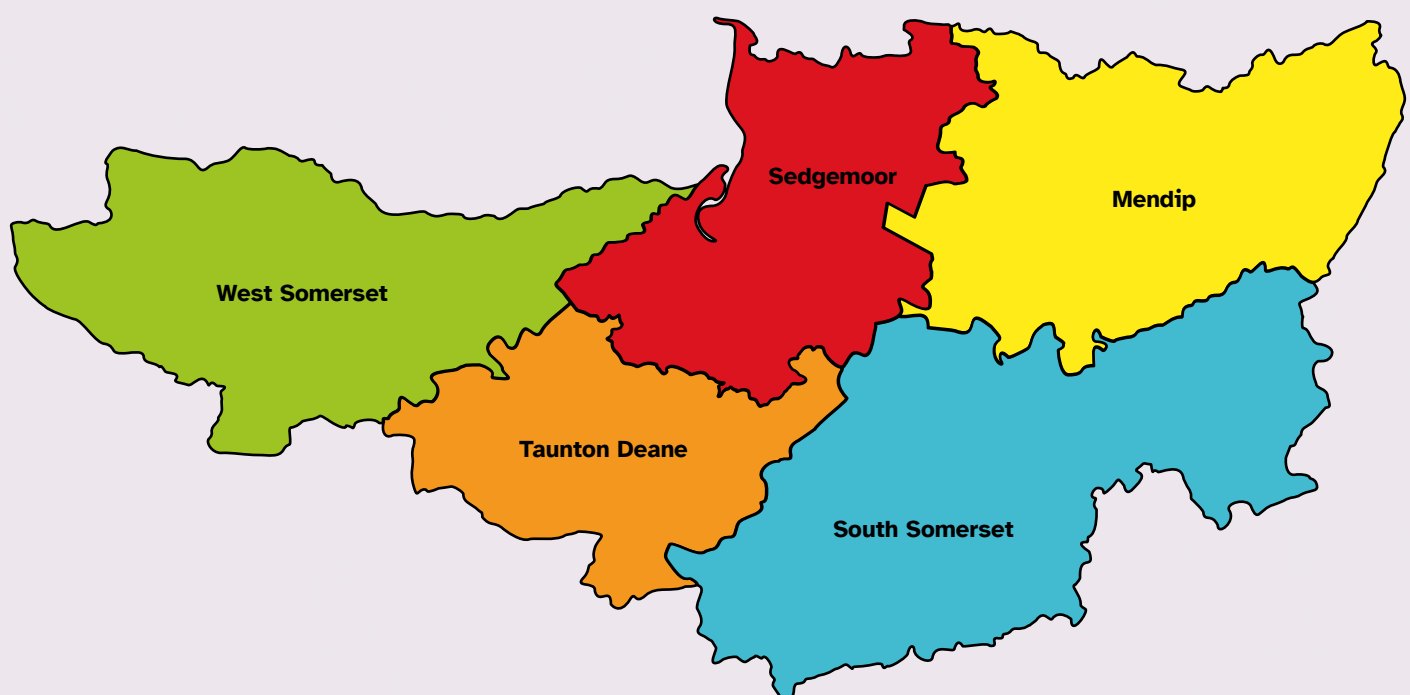
Somerset Youth Parliament Structure

Elections are open to all young people aged 11-18 years, who live or go to school/ college in Somerset.

In addition to our three elected members there will also be a deputy Member of Youth parliament and Somerset Youth Parliament also has an Advisory Group of volunteer non-elected members. The Advisory Group is a universal Youth Voice Group that makes sure that young people are listened to about the things that matter to them and that those opinions are acted on.



Members of Youth Parliament can come from any of the five regions in Somerset and represent the young people from that region, as well as the county as a whole.



Campaigns

The three Members of Youth Parliament will each run a campaign on a topic of their choice for their two years in office. **The campaign could focus on any number of issues that are of interest or concern to young people and may include:**

Strengthening
students councils
and representation

Safety in
schools and
communities

The health and
wellbeing of
young people in
Somerset

Improving attitudes
and awareness around
diversity, equity and
inclusion

Improving sex education
and relationship
education in schools

The environment
and climate
change

LGBTQ+
young
people

Special
Educational Needs
and/or Disabilities
(SEND)

or any other topic which aims to improve outcomes for young people to live healthy, happy and meaningful lives in our communities.

Every nominee for the Somerset Youth Parliament elections will be running on their chosen campaign topic, so be sure to think about what topic you would like to run on.