

# Parliamentary Privilege 2019

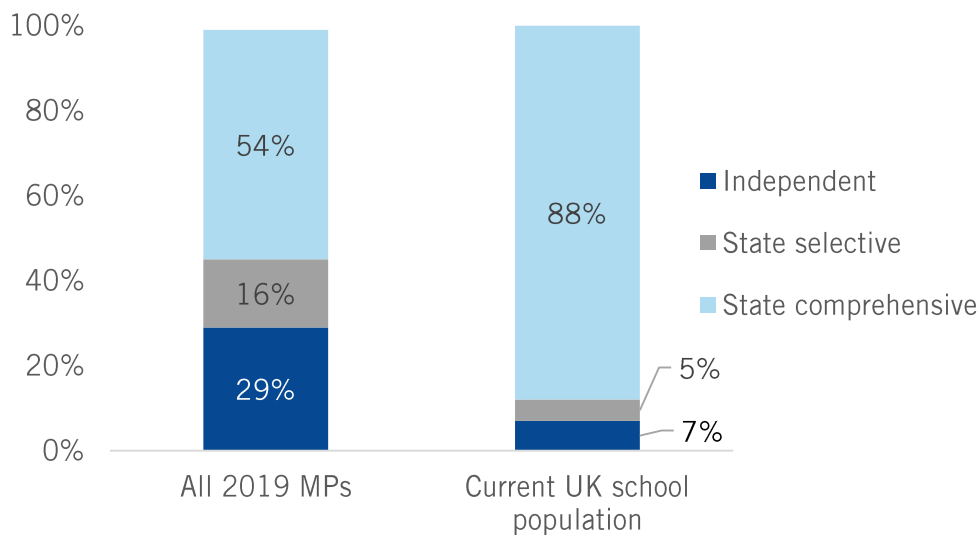
## Educational backgrounds of the new House of Commons

December 13<sup>th</sup> 2019



- We sought to find data on all 650 MPs elected on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December to the House of Commons. We were able to find data on the school background of 602 MPs (93%), including 339 Conservatives, 189 Labour, 43 SNP, 10 Liberal Democrats as well as 21 other MPs from Plaid Cymru, the Greens, Sinn Fein, the DUP, the Alliance party the SDLP and the Speaker. For university, this amounted to 629 MPs (97%), including 354 Conservatives, 194 Labour, 46 SNP, 11 Liberal Democrats as well as 24 MPs from other parties.
- Information on MPs' educational backgrounds were found primarily from public sources, such as candidates' campaign pages, LinkedIn profiles, Who's Who and local newspaper reports. Where information was not publicly available, we contacted candidates and their offices directly, asking them to provide data anonymously to be used in our figures. Many candidates were happy to provide us with this information, but some did not reply or declined to provide the information.

### Secondary schools attended by MPs



### Secondary schools attended by MPs – party breakdowns

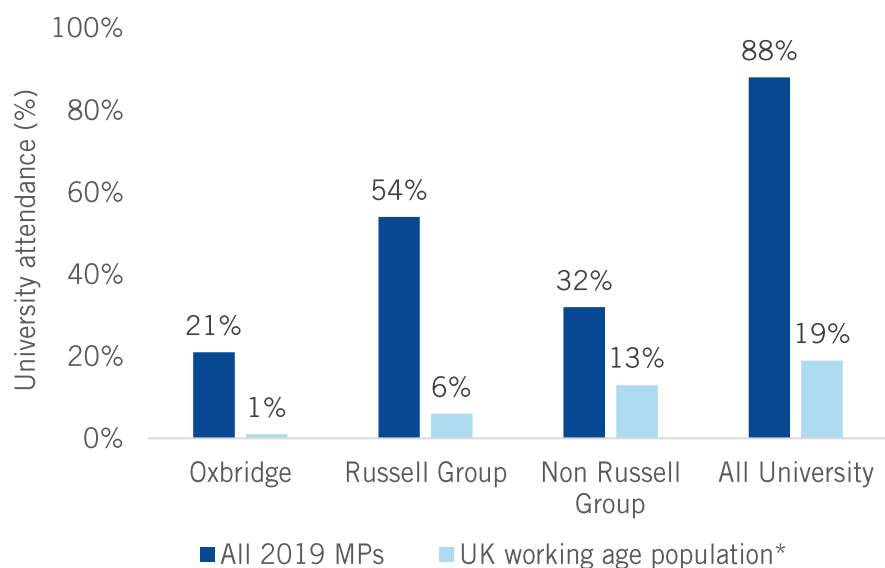
	Independent	Comprehensive	Selective
All MPs	29%	54%	16%
Conservatives	41%	42%	16%
Labour	14%	70%	14%
Liberal Democrats	30%	60%	0%
SNP	7%	86%	5%
Other parties	10%	33%	57%

#### Schools most commonly attended by MPs

Eton College – 11  
Millfield School - 4  
Winchester College – 4

Just 10 independent schools, who each educated 3 or more MPs, educated 6% of all MPs between them.

## Universities attended by MPs



\*Oxbridge figures are for current 18 year olds only

### Universities most commonly attended by MPs

1. Oxford – 84
2. Cambridge – 48
3. LSE – 19

### Non Russell Group universities with large numbers of MPs:

University of Hull - 10  
University of Wales – 9  
Brunel University - 8

61 MPs went to both an independent school and Oxbridge

## Universities attended by MPs – party breakdown

	Oxbridge	Russell Group (excluding Oxbridge)	Pre-1992	Post-1992	Other
All MPs	21%	33%	17%	10%	5%
Conservatives	27%	32%	14%	9%	6%
Labour	18%	37%	18%	14%	3%
Liberal Democrats	18%	55%	18%	0%	0%
SNP	0%	24%	37%	7%	2%
Other parties	4%	33%	25%	8%	8%

## Figures over time

### Independent school attendance over time (1979-2019)

	1979	1983	1987	1992	1997	2001	2005	2010	2015	2017	2019
Conservative	73%	70%	68%	62%	66%	64%	60%	54%	50%	45%	41%
Labour	18%	14%	14%	15%	16%	17%	18%	15%	16%	15%	14%
Liberal Democrat	55%	52%	45%	50%	41%	35%	39%	40%	13%	27%	30%
Three Main Parties	49%	51%	47%	41%	30%	31%	34%	37%	33%	32%	28%
SNP									5%	6%	7%

Sources: 1979-2015, Kavanagh, Cowley et al, *The British General Election of 2015 & previous editions*. 2017-2019, Sutton Trust.

## Oxbridge attendance of MPs – party breakdowns over time (1992-2019)

	1992	1997	2001	2005	2010	2015	2017	2019
Conservative	45%	51%	48%	43%	38%	30%	31%	27%
Labour	16%	15%	16%	16%	20%	21%	20%	18%
Lib Dems	30%	33%	27%	31%	28%	13%	17%	18%

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## Breakdowns by UK nation

### Secondary schools attended by MPs – UK nations breakdowns

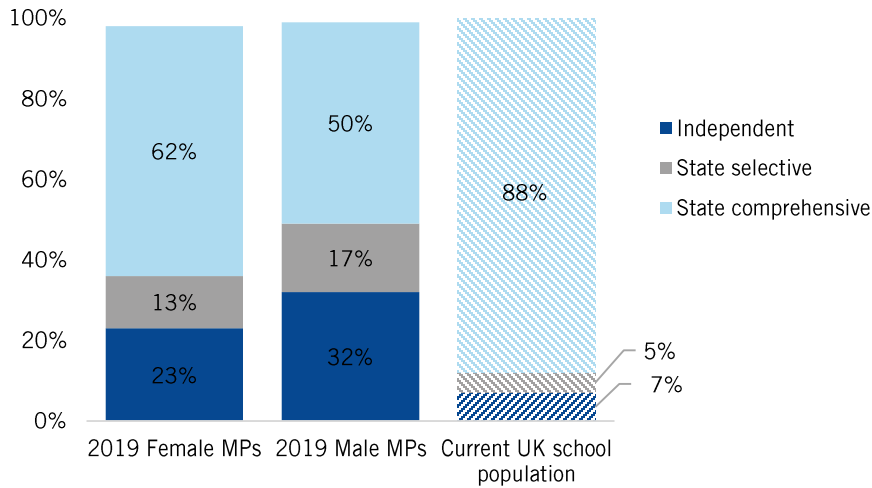
	Independent	Comprehensive	State Selective
England (including London)	33%	50%	15%
England (excluding London)	33%	49%	16%
London	34%	54%	10%
Scotland	9%	85%	4%
Wales	13%	77%	10%
Northern Ireland	0%	20%	80%

### Universities attended by MPs – UK nations breakdown

	Oxbridge	Russell Group (excluding Oxbridge)	Pre-1992	Post-1992	Other
England (including London)	23%	33%	15%	10%	5%
England (excluding London)	24%	33%	14%	11%	5%
London	21%	33%	21%	10%	3%
Scotland	0%	28%	37%	7%	4%
Wales	28%	38%	13%	15%	3%
Northern Ireland	0%	39%	28%	0%	11%

## Gender breakdowns

### Secondary school attendance of MPs – gender breakdown

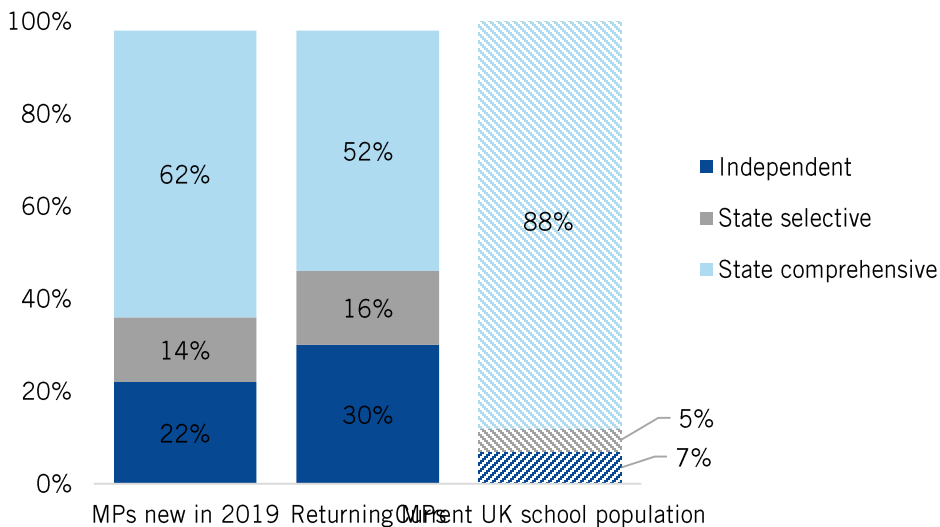


### Universities attended by MPs – gender breakdown

	Oxbridge	Russell Group (excluding Oxbridge)	Pre-1992	Post-1992	Other
Female MPs	20%	36%	20%	9%	4%
Male MPs	21%	31%	15%	11%	5%

## MPs new in 2019

### Secondary schools attended by MPs new in 2019



	Oxbridge	Russell Group (excluding Oxbridge)	Pre-1992	Post-1992	Other
MPs new in 2019	16%	40%	18%	13%	3%
Returning MPs	22%	32%	17%	10%	5%