

# SUBJECT: Geography

## UNIT: Year 8 – Global Politics



### UK Politics

- The Conservative Party have been the governing party of the UK since 2010. Their leader is Boris Johnson.
- The Labour Party are the opposition. The Opposition, formally known as HM Official Opposition, refers to the largest political party in the House of Commons that is not in government. The leader of this party takes the title Leader of the Opposition. The role of the Official Opposition is to question and scrutinise the work of the Government



### Sunderland's Politics

**MP- A member of parliament (MP) is the representative of the people who live in their constituency.**

Nissan's Importance for Sunderland:

- Creation of jobs.
- Investment in local infrastructure.
- Sunderland put on the global map.
- Encourages future investment into Sunderland from other companies.
- Sunderland Nissan Plant is connected to the headquarters (main office) in Japan.
- Nissan has more than 7,000 workers, some of these are from Europe.

### Brexit

In 2013 David Cameron, who was Prime Minister at the time, promised to let the British people decide whether they want to stay in the EU or not. This type of vote is a referendum - letting the people decide on an area of politics. This was given the name @Brexit@. Both a Leave campaign and Remain campaign followed. Both sides had strong views on whether the UK should remain as part of or leave the EU.

Soft Brexit

It would keep the UK closely aligned with the EU. The UK could gain special access to the single market but might have to, in return, compromise on immigration agreements.

Hard Brexit

It essentially means taking the UK completely out of the EU – including both the single market and the customs union, so it is free from its regulations and tariffs.

It would give the UK more control over its borders and immigration.

### USA Politics

Republican Party

The Republican Party, also referred to as the GOP (Grand Old Party), is a major contemporary political party in the United States.

Democratic Party

The Democratic Party is the other contemporary political party in the United States.

Voting

### Paris Agreement

The Paris Agreement is a landmark international accord that was adopted by nearly every nation in 2015 to address climate change and its negative impacts

- To keep global temperatures "well below" 2.0C (3.6F) above pre-industrial times and "endeavour to limit" them even more, to 1.5C
- To limit the amount of greenhouse gases emitted by human activity to the same levels that trees, soil and oceans can absorb naturally - beginning at some point between 2050 and 2100