Visiting the Scottish Parliament

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Anyone can visit the Scottish Parliament building six days a week, but there is now increased security at the public entrance.

This is in common with many other public buildings across the UK, but may mean a slight delay in gaining access.

There is a lot to see at Holyrood with tours available round the public areas, but the debating chamber will be closed in July and August for maintenance.

Usually on Mondays and Fridays, Saturdays and Public Holidays when parliament does not sit the public can get access to the main Debating Chamber.

Otherwise you will have to be content with the other public areas, the artwork on display and the shop. At present there is an exhibition in the main foyer entitled A Parliament for the People which introduces visitors to the Scottish Parliament and its history.

There is of course a café to have a cup of tea too!

Details of how to organise your visit to Holyrood here.