**Discussion ideas for …**

**The Accidental Prime Minister by Tom McLaughlin**

* As a group, agree on five things you would ask, either the First Minister of Scotland or the Prime Minister, if you were to meet them. You can decide if you want to ask about real issues or if you’d like to ask something silly.
* Imagine your group/class is the cabinet, just like the events in Chapter 9, and discuss some important rules you would like to make. This could be for your reading group, class, school, dinner hall or playground. Try to come up with something that it is possible to change and would improve things, then run a campaign to help make it happen.
* In Chapter 11, Joe suggests that the headteacher, Mr Brooks, asks the pupils what they want to do that day. What do you think everyone would learn in a school day from these suggestions? Then come up with some ideas that you think would be a fun way to learn something at school and what you would like to learn about.
* Discuss how you think Joe is feeling in Chapter 14, after his argument with Ajay and what happened at the TV debate.
* Do you think Violetta would make a good Prime Minister? Don’t forget to give reasons for your answer and come up with ideas for what characteristics you think would make a good or bad Prime Minister.