

Boris Johnson expected to be announced as Britain's new Prime Minister today



Boris Johnson is the frontrunner to be the next Prime Minister (Picture: George Cracknell Wright/LNP)

Britain is about to learn who its next prime minister will be later this morning.

The winner of the Tory leadership contest is expected to be announced at 11.40am.

Boris Johnson or Jeremy Hunt will take over as prime minister tomorrow after Theresa May's final PMQs in the House of Commons.

Mrs. May will then head to Buckingham Palace to formally resign and recommend Johnson as her successor.



Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt is running against Johnson in the race to Downing St (Picture: Getty)

The outgoing prime minister sparked a Tory leadership election in May when she emotionally announced her resignation outside 10 Downing Street, saying it had been 'the honour of my life' to 'serve the country that I love.'

No less than 13 Tory MPs entered the race, with contenders such as Sajid Javid, Michael Gove and Rory Stewart knocked out during several rounds of votes by other Tory MPs.

Jeremy Corbyn called for a general election following Mrs. May's resignation and will likely make a fresh demand for a public vote later today.

But so long as the next Tory leader has the support from most MPs, they do not have to hold a general election.

It's not the first time a prime minister has been decided without a general election.

Labour did it in 2007 when Gordon Brown took over as prime minister from Tony Blair.

He waited three years until 2010 before holding an election.

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