

Debating

On Monday 27th November, S6 pupils David Thornton and Jonathan Bryce were invited to take part in the ESU's annual St Andrew's Day debating competition held in the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh.

The boys were each teamed up with a pupil from another school and debated in three short-prep debates throughout the day, speaking about varied topics such as: corporate CEOs being held responsible for environmental disasters; compulsory Gaelic lessons in schools; and diversity quotas at the BBC.

David and Jonathan were both given positive feedback from their judges, with David coming in first place in two of his debates and Jonathan finishing the day with a second place position in his final debate.

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On Tuesday 5th December, four of our pupils – Ross Donaldson (2MR), James Mackie (3DM), Rachel de Bliek (3MR), and Lucas Higham (3CN) – took part in Round One of the ESU Junior Debating Competition held at Bearsden Academy. The motion was 'This House Would Introduce Compulsory Community Service for School Leavers' and after engaging speeches and heated discussion, both of our teams (Ross with James and Rachel with Lucas) were sent through to the next round by the judges. Well done to all pupils!

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January 2018 – Many congratulations to Lucas Higham and Sandy Macdonald (S3) on progressing to the semi-final round of this competition organised by the Law Society

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