

## Broughton High School Student represents Lothians at UK Youth Parliament at Westminster

Lucie Duffy, a 5<sup>th</sup> Year Student at Broughton High School, was elected to represent the Lothian Region at the UK Youth Parliament. On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November she attended the sitting at the House of Commons in London along with 14 other youth representatives from around Scotland, making a total of 279 Members of the Youth Parliament from across the UK.

The day featured 5 debates, all broadcast on the BBC Parliament TV channel, to decide what would become the Youth Parliament's national campaign for the year ahead. Lucie spoke in favour of the campaign to introduce a mandatory Curriculum for Life into schools.

"It was such an amazing experience" said Lucie, "I was honoured to be a part of it and it was so inspirational to see so many young people come together in the name of politics. There are a lot of people in the media who portray young people as not caring about current affairs and I think that the success of the UK Youth Parliament really proves them wrong. Young people are interested in what's going on in the country right now and we do care. I think this event was a symbol of that".

The debates were chaired by John Bercow, the Speaker of the House of Commons. The vote at the end of the day decided that the UK Youth Parliament campaign for 2016 will be tackling racial and religious discrimination.



