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WELCOME TO MY FIRST NEWSLETTER!

MYP Corner - what it will cover, how often I will send these out and how you can get involved!

Welcome dear constituents to my first ever newsletter!

Within this space, I hope to update you all on the work I do, the impact we reach and ways of you getting involved in this great role of mine as North West Hampshire's Member of Youth Parliament.

This will hopefully provide an insight to the work I do day in and day out but also hopefully showcase the amazing work that the schools and colleges do also. If you ever have any news or updates, don't hesitate to contact me, I would love to know! Within the first edition of what I am currently calling this newsletter, MYP Corner, I will update you all on how Make Your Mark, Europe's largest youth consultation went within our constituency but also give you the opportunity to ask me to visit your school or college to talk about it in person with the Student Council, or even the whole school in assemblies, but more information on that further down within the newsletter. Also, I shall give you more information on how the Support Member of Youth Parliament elections are currently going and showcase the amazing young people who are candidates, standing to become the SMYP in our own constituency....*continued overleaf*

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Also, I will give you a brief introduction about myself and the work I do as well as being the MYP for the area.

I have also devoted myself, and will always continue to devote myself to encouraging youth voice. Young people have lots of ideas and have an urge to voice themselves but in some scenarios, young people's voices are either neglected or ignored or simply labelled as 'immature' or 'stupid'. Apparently, young people don't understand anything. But, the amount of amazing young people that I have had the pleasure to meet and listen to, I think the complete opposite: they have amazing, vivid ideas for the future, ways of combating or resolving issues, so that is why I will continue to fight for you all, giving you a platform that will be sufficient enough for people to listen up and take on board your views. That is my role. To give you all a chance at doing something amazing as part of a community and bring upon actual change.

In addition to being MYP, there are other things that I do fighting for young people. A few things that I do are that I am the Vice-Chair of the Hampshire Youth Network (HYN). HYN was brought together at the request of Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire. We aim to unite the young people of the Hampshire county through communications and events that matter to you. HYN's motto is 'together we can achieve anything' - it is so simple but so true and effective. You can find a bit more about us by visiting www.hampshireyouthnetwork.weebly.com. I was recently appointed as the Youth Ambassador for Unity, an amazing charity committed to 'putting unity in the community' through providing volunteering opportunities, transport facilities and so much more. Find more about them by visiting www.unityonline.org.uk. I also am a volunteer for Andover Trees United, working closely to building foundations for a picturesque woodland near the Augusta Park Sports Pavillion in Andover - I hope I can become a Trustee soon. Another thing I do is (believe me, last one) host 'The DMK Show', a podcast show available on all major podcast platforms which talks about young people's issues and the work they do. Visit www.anchor.fm/dmk-show to find out more and where to listen - I have hosted it for a year now! Well I hope I haven't bored you to sleep with the my email signature!

Now enjoy the rest of the newsletter, if you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me- contact details can be found at the top of Page 1.

Yours Sincerely,



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MAKE YOUR MARK

HOW WE DID IN NW HANTS

Making our Mark - the results that came out of Make Your Mark, the UK Youth Parliament Houses of Commons Debate in November and how we did as a constituency.



**WANT ME TO COME TO YOUR
SCHOOL TO DELIVER A
PRESENTATION ON THE
RESULTS OF MYM OR JUST IN
GENERAL ABOUT MY ROLE?
CONTACT ME! CONTACT
DETAILS ON PAGE 1.**

Well dear constituents did we do well during Make Your Mark as a constituency. We got over 50% of the overall ballots cast within the county of Hampshire, all thanks to the amazing work that the teachers in charge put in, arranging ballots being completed, visits to the school and then collection of the ballots afterwards. Believe me: counting those ballots was a nightmare. Next year, I think we will develop an online version of the ballot so it is easier on admin and doesn't take HOURS of counting afterwards - even better for the environment also!

Speaking of the environment, as many of you all know already, I went along to the Houses of Commons sitting for the annual UK Youth Parliament sitting. We are very lucky to be granted the Commons chamber every year - us being the only other organisation except Members of Parliament who are allowed to sit on those green chairs!

It was definitely a thrilling day and I didn't regret waking up at 3am that morning to prepare for the day. We as the Members of the Youth Parliament only come together as a whole Parliament once a year for this particular sitting and sitting in the Commons was so surreal, simply just because I was elected for something that I consider dear to my heart: youth voice. All those who had spoken spoke with elegance and such... continued overleaf

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emotion. I was definitely in awe throughout the whole sitting, listening carefully to all of the for and against arguments for the five topics which were Protect the Environment, Knife Crime, Mental Health, Curriculum to Prepare Us for Life and Hate Crime. Once the chamber was adjourned, I went through to vote. I voted for Protect the Environment and Mental Health as I believe these are the issues most important to both myself and my constituents after hearing your voices during Make Your Mark in early September to late October. The motions which ended up being voted for were Protect the Environment and Knife Crime. We will be announcing the county-wide campaign in the middle of January but I will let you all know of the outcome as soon as I made aware. It was extremely hot within the chamber which definitely explained the red cheeks!

These are the amazing schools that took part within Make Your Mark this year and I hope more will join them in next year's ballot:

Harrow Way Community School, Andover
Bishop Challoner Catholic School, Basingstoke
John Hanson Community School, Andover
Queen Mary's College, Basingstoke
The Hurst Community College, Tadley
Icknield School, Andover

Well done to everyone involved, 7,175 ballots were cast just in NW Hampshire!
Here are some photos from the 8th of November when we visited the Houses of Commons!



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HAMPSHIRE YOUTH PARLIAMENT ELECTIONS

Electing the Support Members of the Youth Parliament for the county of Hampshire, who's running in our area and how you can get involved!

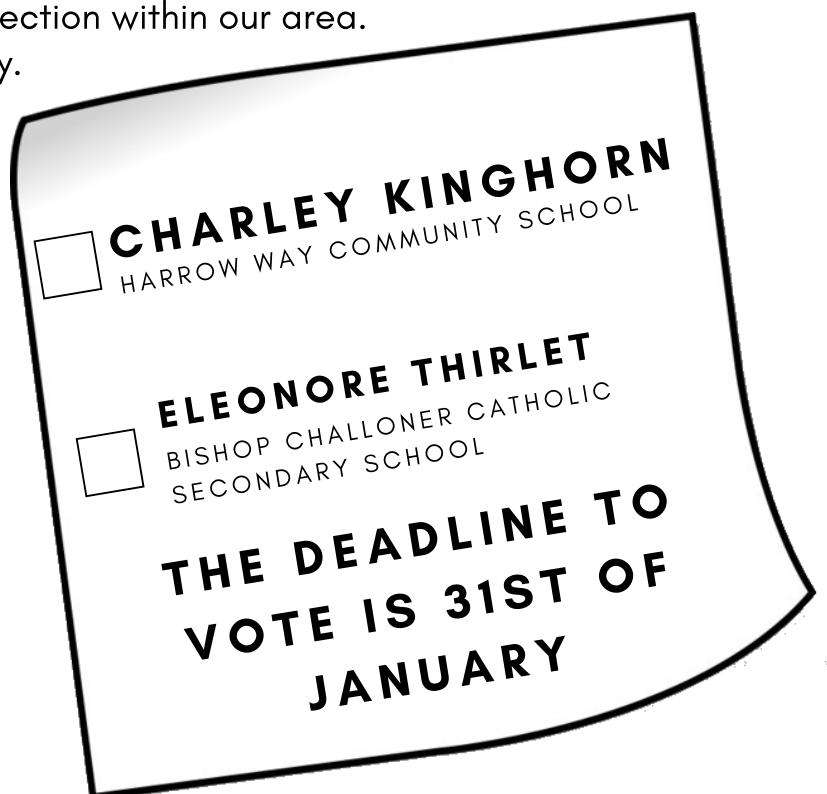
There has now been a Schools Communications that has been sent to ALL schools and colleges across Hampshire detailing how you can get involved in the elections. We are electing the Support Members of Youth Parliament for our constituency and I urge you all to request codes and vote for you think should represent you as the Support Member of the Youth Parliament for your area. I will work closely with them to identify issues within the area and work more closely with the community to create change.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me (contact details found on Page 1).

More information about the elections can be found on the Schools Communications from Hampshire County Council but do send a request of codes to hampshireyp@hotmail.com so you can get involved!

There are two candidates standing for election within our area.
The deadline to vote is the 31st of January.

**CONTACT
HAMPSHIREYP@
HOTMAIL.COM TO
REQUEST A NUMBER
OF CODES FOR YOUR
EDUCATIONAL
ESTABLISHMENT AND
A LINK TO VOTE AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE.**



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MY NEW WEBSITE AND SAYING GOODBYE!

My brand new website to keep updated with what I do and how you can contact me

My brand new website has now been published so please do check it out.

www.dmitrijsmeiksansmyp.weebly.com

Please share this newsletter around so as many people can have a read and know what I am up to. The website will also have a copy of the newsletter soon.

Thank you so much for reading my first newsletter! I will hopefully be updating you every so often, I hope to release a newsletter every half term however could be monthly.

If you are a school who haven't provide me with an email address to a direct contact at the school (I recommend an Assistant Headteacher, Head of PSHE/RE/Citizenship, Teacher in Charge of Student Council etc.), then please email me with details on how to keep in contact with your school! I would love to keep in touch and visit your school.

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Until next time,



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