

Stantonbury wins schools debate

TWO of the city's secondary schools have gone head to head in a debate about the future of Britain in the Houses of Parliament.

Stantonbury Campus returned to Westminster for the second year running to battle Milton Keynes Academy in a closely contested debate, after it came a close second in last year's competition.

This year they managed to go one better by winning the schools debate.

The debating competition is an annual event run by MPs Mark Lancaster and Iain Stewart for year 10-13 students in the secondary schools across the city.

Anna Gibbs and Susannah Green represented Stantonbury Campus while Mohammed Dawood and Natalie Bramell flew the flag for Milton Keynes Academy. They all received glowing tribute from the panel of judges for their excellent debating skills.

The judging panel in this year's series of debates included Rita Spada, Cally Jenkins, Editor of MK News, Elizabeth Beale and Graham Findlay, who both represent the city's youths in the UK Youth Parliament.

Mark said: "This year has been another fantastic year for our schools debate and I am so pleased with the quality of the debate, which keeps on getting better and better each year. I think before long, some of the kids will be after my job."

Milton Keynes South MP, Iain Stewart said: "I was really impressed with the standard of debating from all competitors. This year's teams were all incredibly closely matched, and I applaud them all."

"However, special congratulations should go to Stantonbury Campus for their sterling performance. They are excellent representatives of the city's youths," he added.