

Excellence Academy students attend the Worthing Mayors Debate

Last Thursday (26th April) Abdulmatin Lawal, Thomas Howard-Price, Heidi Sheridan, Louise Donnelly, Billy Drew, Tia Poole, Drew Bevan, Abbie Rice, Libin Mohammed and Willow Archer-Martin attended the Worthing Mayor's Youth Debate. Below, Willow Archer Martin reports on a fun and successful day.

Durrington High School's debating teams, made up of excellence academy students, took part in the Worthing Mayors Youth Debate on the 26th of April at Worthing Town Hall.

The school participated in two debates, the first motion was 'do single sex schools provide a better education' and the second was 'vocational and social education should be just as important as academic qualifications'. All the teams gave excellent rebuttals and worked well to prepare speeches.

The judges were Tim Loughton MP, Sir Peter Bottomley MP, West Sussex High Sheriff Caroline Nicholls and Worthing Youth Mayor Josh Davies. They marked every school performance throughout the debates and Tim Loughton MP and Sir Peter Bottomley MP gave opposing views on the motion that the voting age should be lowered to 16.

All teams were amazing and did extremely well, especially in the floor debate and after four debates, we were awarded third place. Although we did not win, it was a great experience and was greatly enjoyable. We met 75% of the success criteria and received certificates.