

EARLSTON HIGH SCHOOL NEWS 21st June 2019



Earlston Model United Nations Conference 2019

On Tuesday 11th June, Earlston High School held the 7th annual EMUN conference. Ten schools from all over Scotland travelled to take part in a number of debates on pressing current issues, including gun control, prisoners' right to vote, and the humanitarian crisis in Syria.

Former Scottish Secretary, Michael Moore, was invited as a guest speaker and told us about his time as a politician and with the UN, emphasising the importance of such international organisations. He also spoke about how important it is for young people to speak out about issues we care about and to have an interest in politics and world affairs- something MUN helps to encourage.

After the committee debates in the morning on the issues highlighted above, everyone came together in the General Assembly for the Emergency Debate: the UN's response to ethnic testing on European borders. Immigration and ethnic testing are very recent and alarming topics that many people feel passionately about, which came out in what was a very lively and interesting debate. A possible highlight could be the Swiss defector deciding to represent North Korea and introducing a motion to kick the UK out of its permanent seat in the Security Council, or a delegate in a fedora who brought his own Russian placard, or maybe the agile manoeuvring of our runners as they raced to deliver notes and pass around the microphone!

The closing ceremony consisted of closing speeches and awards were given out, some to our own Earlston delegates, who should all be very proud of themselves. I think I speak for us all when I say that the conference was very enjoyable, and hopefully we'll see everyone back again next year. By Maddie (S5)





Visit from the Melrosian

The 2019 Melrosian Ben Magowan and his attendants visited the school on Monday 17th June. They met with our Senior Leadership Team and were given a tour of the school. Former student Ben was joined Harry Fletcher, Russell Mackay and the Chair of the Melrose Festival, Douglas Hardie. It was wonderful for some of our teachers to catch up with the team and wish them all the best for a great week of festivities.





Refugee Week

To mark Refugee Week the school Amnesty International group organised for Dr Chris Jary from Amnesty International to come and talk about refugees and human rights. It was an interesting and informative talk regarding the current refugee crisis in Syria, the Mediterranean and other parts of the world. Many thanks to Chris for taking the time to come and speak to our young people.

