

Youth Council represent Hillingdon in Parliament

Hillingdon's representatives for the UK Youth Parliament, Anurag Mathur, 18, from Hillingdon and Hans Aukhaj, 17, from Hayes represented their constituency at an annual debate in the House of Commons in November.

Two hundred and seventy six members aged between 11 and 18 debated five issues in the chamber, which was chaired by the Speaker, Rt Hon John Bercow MP and broadcast live on BBC Parliament.

The five issues were chosen from a list of 10 in a ballot of young people across the UK and included the topic 'curriculum for life' which states that schools should cover finance, relationship and political education to better prepare young people for life after school.

Additional topics included tackling racism and religious discrimination; transport; votes at 16 and NHS cuts.

Anurag, a student at St Dominic's Sixth Form College, said: "Visiting the House of Commons was a remarkable experience. There was vigorous debate back and forth and I am elated by the chosen campaigns, as these are issues I am really passionate about. I think a lot of progress can be made this year on these and look forward to campaigning on them with the Hillingdon Youth Council."