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**NEWSLETTER FOR SCHOOLS**

**AUTUMN TERM 2014**

Welcome to my Autumn 2014 Newsletter for schools.

As a Member of Parliament I am often sent interesting information about a wide range of opportunities for children and young people. These include events, competitions and training courses. Some of the activity takes place in Parliament, organised by the excellent Parliamentary Education Service who also organise school visits. There is information about how to book these in the Newsletter. We are lucky to be so close to Westminster so I am pleased that a number of schools have taken advantage of it!

I wish staff and pupils at Battersea's newest academy Harris Academy Battersea, formerly Battersea Park School, every success for their fresh start in autumn 2014.

Since my last Newsletter, I have welcomed pupils from Wix Primary, Falconbrook Primary, St Joseph's Primary, St Anne's Primary and St Faith's Primary Schools to Parliament and I have organised a tour of Parliament for sixth form pupils from Battersea Park School and Emanuel School in October. I have visited Chesterton Primary and Allfarthing Primary Schools and South Thames College, and Newton Prep School and Broomwood Hall School have had Education workshops in Parliament. I was very pleased to attend Thames Christian College's summer drama production and to be invited to view the building works at the new St John Bosco School in north Battersea.

Many young people in the constituency have written to me about International Development issues. Useful information and resources can be found at [www.globaldimension.org.uk](http://www.globaldimension.org.uk) which also contains teaching ideas. I am also happy to come and talk to students about global development issues; I have talked to primary schools recently about the Send my Friend to School campaign. I would be happy to publicise school fetes and events through

my eBulletin which is circulated to constituents and via Twitter, and am very willing to speak at assemblies, take questions, judge competitions and hold quizzes.

If you would like to get in touch do contact my office on 020 8944 2065 or email [jane.ellison.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:jane.ellison.mp@parliament.uk). If you would like particular staff members at your school, politics teachers for example, to get this Newsletter directly, do please contact me.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jane Ellison". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

### Visit Parliament

There are opportunities for students from KS2 – KS5 to learn about Parliament, take part in curriculum-based workshops and Question and Answer sessions.

Making Laws workshop and tour of Parliament – KS2-5, 2 ¼ hours

School tour of Parliament – KS2-5, 1 ¼ hours

Elections and voting workshop and tour – KS2-5, 2/14 hours

Your Voice workshop and tour – KS2-5, 2 ¼ hours

Introduction to Parliament with tour and quiz – KS2-5, 1 ¾ hours

A Level Select Committee Experience, KS5, 2 hours

These are very popular and get booked up quickly but **there is still some availability for this autumn term**. Please call [020 7219 4496](tel:02072194496) for possible visits this term.

**Key Dates:** Booking for January to March 2015 visits open on **10 October 2014**. Bookings should be made on [020 7219 4496](tel:02072194496).

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## Opportunities with the English Speaking Union

### For students:

- The ESU education programmes, competitions, scholarships and awards on offer to age ranges from primary school upwards include:  
Public speaking competitions, Discover Your Voice, Schools Mace, London Debate Challenge, World Schools Debating Challenge, Debate Academy, Performing Shakespeare and English in Action (supporting children in primary schools who have English as an additional language). Details are available [here](#).
- The opportunity to spend a Gap Year studying at an American High School. The ESU offers the opportunity to spend two or three terms in a US school after A-levels. This is as much a cultural exchange as an academic one, with extensive extracurricular activities and facilities on offer.  
**Key Dates: Closing date for 2015 applications is 24 September** and full details can be found [here](#).
- The ESU runs a parliamentary exchange programme offering students the opportunity to intern at the Assemblée Nationale in Paris. This takes place in the summer for between 6-8 weeks.  
**Key dates: Applications open later this month** for summer 2015 and full details can be found at [www.esu.org/programmes/scholarship](http://www.esu.org/programmes/scholarship)

### For teachers:

- Chautauqua Bell Tower Scholarships covering board, tuition and a grant towards travel expenses for 2-6 weeks in the summer are offered at the Chautauqua Institution in New York State for those interested in wider education. A wide variety of courses, lectures and events are offered in the fields of art, music, literature, education, business and international relations.  
**Key dates: Applications are open for 2015** and details can be found [here](#).
- ESU professional development tours of the USA under the Walter Hines Page scholarship programme offer the chance to explore and exchange educational ideas. Applications are now open for the academic year 2015/16.  
**Key dates: The deadline for applications is 5 January 2015.** Details [here](#).

## Free school tickets for Shakespeare's Globe

Wandsworth state school students are offered free tickets to Shakespeare's Globe to see Othello as part of the Globe's education project for 11-16 year olds. Performances will run daily from 26 February-12 March 2015. There are web resources to support KS3 and KS4 teaching and free sessions for teachers and in-school workshops for students.

**Key dates: Tickets are available on a first-come-first-served basis** [here](#) or by phone on 020 7401 9919.

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## Opportunities for teachers

**Free Teachers' Seminar** days in Parliament will be held on **28 October, 9 December, 24 February 2015, 3 March and 11 May**. These give new ideas for approaching general citizenship and political literacy lessons.

**A level specialist seminars:** Designed for those already teaching subjects such as A level Government & Politics, specialist seminars take the form of both whole day and twilight sessions. They provide a range of in-depth sessions with a focus on specific topics relating to the work of Parliament, chosen to reflect areas of the A level syllabus (available on full day seminars only).

Specialist seminar dates available in 2014-2015: **Wednesday 22 October 2014, 4-7pm (twilight), Tuesday 3 February 2015, 4-7pm (twilight), Tuesday 9 June 2015, 4-7pm (twilight), Tuesday 16 June 2015, 9am-4pm (full day).**

Please email [teachertraining@parliament.uk](mailto:teachertraining@parliament.uk) for more information.

## Young Scientists

Teachers - has one of your students got a fantastic idea for a science, maths, technology or engineering project, but you need funds to make it happen? Primary and Secondary Schools can apply for up to £3000 under the Royal Society's Partnership Grants Scheme to work on a project with a practising engineer.

**Key dates: The closing date is 31 October 2014** and details can be found at [www.royalsociety.org/education/partnership](http://www.royalsociety.org/education/partnership)

## Holmes Hines Memorial Fund

Awards are available to help with scientific or engineering-based activities, such as summer science camps, the running of Science Weeks in schools, support for science lunchtime and after school clubs, schools' science conferences, purchase of experiment kits etc. Further information about the fund and application can be found [here](#).

## Election Toolkit

In the run-up to the 2015 General Election in May next year, students can find out about the elections process and voting with a free toolkit, which can be ordered by email from [requests@edcom.co.uk](mailto:requests@edcom.co.uk). Please include your name, school name and address. These kits are available **now**.

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### **Into Film Festival**

The festival runs from **4-21 November** for schools, colleges and youth groups (5-19 years). Students can nominate their film efforts and attend free screenings and film-making workshops. Further details can be found at [www.intofilm.org/festival-promo](http://www.intofilm.org/festival-promo).

### **Parliament Week 2014**

Parliament Week 2014 will run from **14-20 November** and will focus on democracy. There will be a programme of lectures, debates and discussions. Full details can be found at [www.parliamentweek.org](http://www.parliamentweek.org).

### **BaE Schools Challenge**

BaE Systems Education are running a schools challenge - make a two minute film to demonstrate physics in everyday use. Team and individual entries are accepted.  
**Key dates: The closing date is 12 December** and full details are available [here](#).

### **Music Education**

The Government has increased funding to support music education hubs in 2015/16 to over £75million. Music education hubs include schools, professional music organisations and arts organisations who are working with 80% of schools in England, meaning that around one million children and young people are learning an instrument.

### **STEM Challenge Days**

Please see next page for information.

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# STEM Challenge Days

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applying Science, Technology, Engineering  
and Maths (STEM)

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- encourage cross-curricula links



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