



WESTONBIRT SCHOOL

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## **Model United Nations' Debate at Westonbirt School**



On Thursday, November 25<sup>th</sup> 2010, Westonbirt's Year 10 students invited two local schools to take part in the annual Model United Nations' Debate.

Sir William Romley School, Tetbury, and Malmesbury School spent the day here at Westonbirt acting as ambassadors, each representing a different nation. The Year 10 students engaged in discussion and covered important issues such as human rights, the economy, the environment and the security of their nation, including the sensitive topics of nuclear disarmament, the role of the female in today's society, poverty, and renewable energy.

The day was hugely enjoyable and a rewarding experience for all. Students were encouraged to create and merge resolutions with other nations in order to solve problems. The debate allowed students to research, present, ask questions and vote, as their nation would see fit.

Nicky Gill, Head of Geography at Westonbirt School enthused how the debate allowed students to take part and develop an understanding of the bigger picture in world politics. Mrs. Gill said '*students are all faced with a challenging environment during the debate, not only does it allow them to learn and develop key skills, it is also a large confidence boost for all pupils involved*'.

Westonbirt, Sir William Romley and Malmesbury Schools have entertained a close relationship for over twenty years. We are already looking forward to next year's debate here at Westonbirt School!

**Note to Editors:**

Westonbirt School is a leading independent boarding and day school for girls (aged 11 – 18). The school's idyllic setting in 210 acres of beautiful rural park and woodland (shared with Rose Hill Westonbirt School, a preparatory day school for boys and girls) allows pupils the freedom to play and explore in a safe and natural environment, further developing imagination and confidence.

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