

M.P.'s Question Time

Year 9 pupils put the local M.P., Ben Wallace, through his paces in a lively M.P.'s Question Time.

This was all part of their Citizenship studies, as they have been learning about local and national governments and the role of pressure groups.



Mr Wallace told the pupils about his life as an M.P. and then each form had five minutes in which they made a presentation to the M.P. about an issue that they were concerned about.

The topics were varied, ranging from a lack of bridle paths to attitudes towards young people. In each case, Mr Wallace discussed the issues and suggested how the pupils might take the matter further. The pupils had also prepared questions that ranged from local to international and global issues and these led to a very interesting Question Time session.

The pupils enjoyed being able to present their views and engage in discussion with Mr Wallace. They certainly learned a great deal about the role of an M.P. and the many issues that government deals with.