

# he next MYP?

## What is an MYP?

MYP stands for Member of Youth Parliament. As you may or may not know there is a UK Youth Parliament just like the National Parliament. The UK Youth Parliament is made up of MYP's from each borough in the country. An MYP is selected annually by the young people within the borough. Last year's MYP for Kingston was Paul Kenny and we want you to vote for Kingston's next MYP. The main role of an MYP is to make sure that they represent the views of the young people within their borough. These views are then passed onto the national MP's and local councillors so that changes can be made within your area.

Kingston Youth Service held a big brother style event with tasks for all of the candidates. This is to help you the voter to get a better view of the candidates. The tasks were scored by members of Kingston Youth Council. If the candidate got 6 stars they did really well and if they got 1 star they didn't do as good as the others.

## Task 1

### Public Speaking

You would want your MYP to be able to speak in public to a large audience with confidence and flare to represent your views and opinions. "Why should young people be involved in local democracy?" was the title of their public speaking exercise. They were judged on their confidence, clarity, conciseness, engaging and body language. All the speakers made a strong case for young people to be involved at a local and national level.

### Results

Albert Simango	★★★★★★
Darius Baird	★★
Jake Stamps	★
Obinna Okeke	★★★
Paul Edmunds	★★★★★★
Stefeni Cownley	★★★★

## Task 2

### Making Decision

Your MYP would be chairing meetings and making important decisions on behalf of Kingston's young people. The group was given a scenario where they had to decide which of the 8 youth groups applying for a funding would be awarded a grant. The applications were very diverse, from a disabled young person applying for watersports provisions to a group of Muslim young women applying to do some activities. If you wish to be involved a real life decision making youth panel, please read the article on page 10.

They were assessed on the following criteria: dissecting relevant information, contribution to the task, logical thinking, listening skills, good judgement and asking relevant questions.

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## Task 3

### Moral Dilemma

You would want your MYP to be honest, trustworthy and a person with integrity. This exercise quizzed the candidates on their attitudes and opinions on youth related issues i.e. abortion, taking drugs, under age sex and the Police stop and search policy. The exercise was very difficult to score but it gives you a good indicator on whether the candidate's attitudes and opinions are in line other young people.

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