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25th January 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

THE BIG DEBATE – 27TH JANUARY 2017 : 3.30pm-5pm

We are extremely privileged to have some very experienced debaters traveling from Glasgow to work with and debate with our pupils. Whilst at University, they debated at World Championship level, and their opponents included some very distinguished politicians, such as Michael Gove, Ted Cruz and Boris Johnson. Additionally, they have also represented debating teams at universities all around the world. We are privileged to have these very experienced debaters agree to showcase their skills.

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to this exciting event, for what promises to be a lively debate, as the motion is very topical following Brexit. There will be an opportunity for audience involvement in a Q&A session while the Judges make their decisions. If you would like to attend, please indicate the number of seats you require on the slip below and return it to myself or Ms Hartley by Thursday 26th January 2017.

Yours faithfully

Ms K Hayward
English Teacher

REPLY SLIP: THE BIG DEBATE – 27TH JANUARY 2017 **TO BE RETURNED TO MS HARTLEY OR MS HAYWARD**

Please provide me with (state number of tickets required)tickets and hand them to:

Student Name:..... Form:.....(please print)

Signed:..... (Parent/Carer) Date:.....



THE BIG DEBATE

27th January 2017 - 3.30pm Main Hall

This House Believes that Britain is Full

Come and watch our students debate alongside
Glasgow Uni Alumni.

All are welcome to this exciting event to witness excellent debating in action.

Manus Blessing -Scottish Advocate (Barrister).

Practicing mainly in the areas of personal injury and medical negligence and more recently generalised professional negligence, including solicitor's negligence. He has significant experience of enquires.

Manus has **won** the following debating competitions: **The World Championships (best speaker in final), The Observer Mace** (UK and Ireland championships, won by the likes of John Smith, Charles Kennedy, Andrew Neil and others. **The Scotsman (Scottish championship) and best speaker in final.** You can't really win more than he did(his words!). He has **debated against Ted Cruz** and won. He has debated **in Harvard, Yale, Princeton** and NYU. Melbourne, **Sydney and Adelaide, Oxford, Cambridge**, LSE, Lincolns Inn, Durham, Edinburgh, UCD, Trinity, UCC, Galway and many more. <https://www.c-span.org/video/?55958-1/world-universities-debating-championships>

James Moore - Principal Betting Investigator for the British Horseracing Authority - James has enjoyed a successful career in the betting industry. He was an odds compiler and trader on horseracing and a professional gambler before changing sides, to maintain the integrity of the sport.

He was a board member of Glasgow Uni Dialectic Society; **Treasurer of Glasgow Uni Liberal Club** and the **first President of Glasgow Uni (Liberal/SDP) Alliance Students.** He also boasts of being the **'unofficial bookmaker for World Student Debating Championships'**

Kathleen Moore - Delivery Director for management consulting firm specialising in mergers and acquisitions. Prior to working in consulting, she worked as a **constituency manager for the former Home Secretary and Chancellor of the Exchequer.**

Kath was a member of the debates committee at Glasgow **University and Club Leader in the Parliamentary Debates.** Her prime ministerial was on equality including positive discrimination. She has competed in UK Universities competition, **The Mace and judged at two World Debating Championships.** She has debated against **Michael Gove and Boris Johnson.**

Hugh Meechan – Test Manager for new computer systems in Finance. Hugh has run large teams for RBS, IBM and London International Futures Exchange.

He **won Best Speaker at Glasgow University**, participated in **The World Championship at Fordham University, New York.** Hugh has debated against **Boris Johnson, Michael Gove, Liam Fox, Alistair Carmichael, Armando Iannucci.** Hugh was also a stand-up comedian for a while!